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[H.R.4549, Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016, as amended](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 4549](#), the Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016. The bill was introduced on February 11, 2016, by Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) and was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, which ordered the bill reported, as amended, by voice vote, on March 23, 2016.

SUMMARY

H.R. 4549 requires the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to conduct, and provide all necessary staff and equipment for security screening at any airport that lost commercial air service on or after January 1, 2013, if the airport operator submits a request for the TSA to conduct such screening and written confirmation of a commitment from a commercial air carrier that it intends to resume service at the airport within one year.

BACKGROUND

Currently, there are six airports that have had requests denied by the Transportation Administration to return security screening and personnel to airports after temporary gaps in commercial air service occurred. They are: Del Rio International Airport in Del Rio, Texas; Sheridan County Airport in Sheridan, Wyoming; Fair Child International Airport in Port Angeles, Washington; Salina Regional Airport in Salina, Kansas; Canyonlands Field Airport in Moab, Utah; and Crater Lake Klamath Regional Airport in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The Committee reported that TSA has stated they have no requirement under law to return this service, and instead have directed these airports to allow passengers to fly unscreened to their next destination and undergo reverse security screening there.

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is currently unavailable.

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