

.....
(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require an assessment of standards and guidelines for managing air, land, and sea ports of entry under the control of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ESCOBAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To require an assessment of standards and guidelines for managing air, land, and sea ports of entry under the control of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Port Staffing Report-
5 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR**
2 **MANAGING AIR, LAND, AND SEA PORTS OF**
3 **ENTRY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DE-**
4 **PARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter,
7 the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with
8 the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection
9 and the Administrator of General Services, shall submit
10 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
11 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
12 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate an assessment of
13 the current standards and guidelines for managing air,
14 land, and sea ports of entry under the control of the De-
15 partment of Homeland Security. Such assessment shall in-
16 clude information relating to the following with respect to
17 such ports of entry:

18 (1) Staffing levels and need for additional staff-
19 ing.

20 (2) The number of temporary duty assignments
21 for the previous fiscal year and the duration of each
22 such temporary duty reassignment.

23 (3) Average length of delays, if any, of transit.

24 (4) Impacts of staff shortages on the ability of
25 land ports of entry to consistently operate with all
26 vehicular traffic lanes open for use.

1 (5) An assessment of existing efforts and tech-
2 nologies used for border security and facilitating
3 trade, and the impact of such efforts and tech-
4 nologies on civil rights and civil liberties, including
5 private property rights and privacy rights.

6 (6) The economic impact on trade of the poli-
7 cies and practices of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
8 tection Agricultural Specialists and Office of Field
9 Operations personnel.

10 (7) Physical infrastructure and technological
11 needs.

12 (8) Specific needs of geographically separate
13 ports of entry within the same U.S. Customs and
14 Border Protection field office.

15 (b) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 30 days after the
16 submission of each assessment required under subsection
17 (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall brief the
18 committees specified in such subsection on such assess-
19 ment.