



H.R. 6098 – Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement Act (PRICE of Homeland Security Act)

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6098 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Reichert (R-WA) on April 16, 2008. The bill was reported as amended by voice vote from the Committee on Homeland Security on July 10, 2008.

H.R. 6098 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 29, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 6098 clarifies that Department of Homeland Security grant funding can be used to pay for intelligence analysts at state and local fusion centers. In addition, it allows grant recipients to use up to 50 percent of the grant award to pay for personnel and operational costs.

BACKGROUND

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, many state and local governments created fusion centers to help the federal government prevent future acts of terrorism. According to the Department of Homeland Security, there are 58 fusion centers around the country and DHS has provided more than \$254 million from fiscal year 2004-2007 to state and local governments to support the centers.

Congress previously passed a provision in the Implementing Recommendations from the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53) that was intended to give states and localities the flexibility to use grant funding to pay for new and existing intelligence analysts at fusion centers. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) limited the period that grant funds could be used to pay the salary and benefits for a specific intelligence analyst to three years. Congress' original intent for the provision included in P.L. 110-53 was to allow for the continued use of funds to fund analysts regardless of their date of hire or time in service.

[DHS State and Local Fusion Center](#)

COST

According to the Congressional Budget Office, "CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6098 would have no significant cost over the next five years. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues." ([CBO Cost Estimate](#))

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