

# Union Calendar No. 528

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4334

[Report No. 115-685]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Mr. CORREA (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. TORRES, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GALLEGRO, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. WALZ, Ms. TITUS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Mr. COHEN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. THOMPSON of California

MAY 18, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

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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 “Improving Oversight  
5 of Women Veterans’ Care Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERAN ACCESS TO COV-**  
7 **ERED SEX-SPECIFIC SERVICES UNDER COM-**  
8 **MUNITY CARE CONTRACTS.**

9 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Under Secretary of Vet-  
10 erans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’  
11 Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
12 an annual report on the access of women veterans to cov-  
13 ered sex-specific medical care under contracts with non-  
14 Department medical providers entered into by the Sec-  
15 retary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of hospital  
16 care or medical services to veterans eligible for enrollment  
17 in the patient enrollment system of the Department of  
18 Veterans Affairs maintained under section 1705 of title  
19 38, United States Code. Such report shall include data  
20 and performance measures for the availability of covered  
21 sex-specific medical care, including—

22 (1) the average wait time between the veteran’s  
23 preferred appointment date and the date on which  
24 the appointment is completed;



1 veterans at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facili-  
2 ties. Such report shall include—

3 (1) a description of the process established to  
4 verify that noncompliance information reported  
5 under subsection (a) is accurate and complete; and

6 (2) a description of the method by which the  
7 Secretary will—

8 (A) ensure that all patient care areas of  
9 each Department medical facility are inspected  
10 as required; and

11 (B) expand the list of items that facility  
12 staff inspect for compliance to align with the  
13 women’s health handbook of the Veterans  
14 Health Administration.

15 (c) ENVIRONMENT OF CARE STANDARDS FOR  
16 WOMEN VETERANS.—In this section, the term “environ-  
17 ment of care standards for women veterans” has the  
18 meaning given that term in Veterans Health Administra-  
19 tion Directive 1330.01(1).

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