



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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H.R. 1690: The Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act

Background:

Ensuring Congress has information about high-dollar bonuses awarded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is an essential part of congressional oversight. Currently, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs requests high-dollar bonus information from VA on a case-by-case basis during the course of regular oversight.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act would enhance the transparency of high-dollar bonuses being provided to senior executives at VA by requiring VA to submit an annual report to Congress on senior VA leadership bonus awards.

This bill would require VA to submit an annual report to specified congressional committees on the performance awards provided to Regional Office Directors, Directors of Medical Centers, Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks, and any other individual employed in a senior executive position including the amount of each award or bonus, the job title of each recipient and the location where each recipient works, within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year.

The Message:

- Details about high-dollar bonus awards are an essential tool for congressional investigators.
- Congress has a duty to ensure we are good stewards of tax dollars, and that VA is acting in the best interest of veterans and taxpayers.
- This commonsense bill will require VA to submit annual reports to Congress on the bonuses awarded to Senior Executive Service employees.