



Veteran Focused Legislation.

The VET-TEC Authorization Act of 2023 ([H.R. 1669](#)) which extends a popular program that covers costs for veterans seeking job training in high-tech industries.

- This bill [passed](#) the House of Representatives in bipartisan fashion.

The VETS Opportunity Act ([H.R. 7896](#)), to expand veterans' access to educational opportunities for in-demand skilled trade and vocational programs.

The VET MEDS Act ([H.R. 5470](#)) to extend the VA's authority to allow certain healthcare providers to conduct exams across state lines.

The Veterans' Appeals Backlog Improvement Act ([H.R. 1378](#)) to reduce wait times for veterans seeking disability claims and ensure they are processed faster.

The Prioritizing Veterans' Survivors Act ([H.R. 7100](#)) to move the Office of Survivors Assistance (OSA) back within the Office of the VA Secretary. This move ensures that OSA has direct access to the Secretary to fix policy and program-wide problems.

- This bill [passed](#) the House of Representatives.

The Rural Veterans' Benefit Improvement Act ([H.R. 8881](#)) to ensure veterans have permanent, cross-state access to certified healthcare providers for disability claim exams.

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act ([H.R. 8371](#)) to reform and improve the delivery of healthcare, benefits, and services at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for veterans, their families, and their survivors.

- This bill [passed](#) the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Expanding Access for Online Veterans Student Act ([H.R. 5702](#)), which increased housing stipends for student veterans attending classes online.

The Veteran Exam Expansion Act ([H.R. 5938](#)), which expands the pool of providers eligible to cross state lines when conducting disability exams for veterans.

The Coordinating Care for Senior Veterans and Wounded Warriors Act ([H.R. 9399](#)), which aims to improve healthcare coordination and management for veterans who receive services through Medicare and the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

Border Legislation.

The End the Border Catastrophe Act ([H.R. 3602](#)) to address the border crisis by:

- Restarting construction of the border wall
- Hiring new Border Patrol agents
- Reinstating Remain in Mexico and ending catch-and-release
- Streamlining the asylum process and raising the credible fear standard
- Ending abuse of parole
- Reimbursing states for local law enforcement activities related to the border.
- Providing grants for border states to construct and repair border barriers.

The Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act ([H.R. 5585](#)) to impose a life sentence on migrants and human smugglers who engage in high-speed car chases with law enforcement officers.

- This bill [passed](#) the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

The CBP HiRe Act ([H.R. 7369](#)) to improve hiring, recruiting, and retaining of Customs and Border Protection agents, officers, and employees, especially in rural areas.

The Federal Lands Amplified Security for the Homeland (FLASH) Act ([H.R. 9678](#)) to enhance public safety at federal lands, strengthen border security, and create a plan to address hazardous trash piles along the southern border.

The Border Enforcement, Security, and Trade (BEST) Facilitation Act ([H.R. 5990](#)) to create a new image technician position within Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess scans of cargo and determine whether further inspection is necessary.

Water.

The Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act ([H.R. 8940](#)), the largest water settlement in Arizona's history to secure water rights for the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and the Southern San Juan Paiute Tribe and authorizes funds to strengthen water infrastructure in the region.

The Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Communities Act ([H.R. 6497](#)) to support drought and flood resiliency across the country by improving a watershed program under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program Reauthorization (TAAP) Act ([H.R. 5874](#)) to reauthorize the Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program (TAAP), a federal program that supports binational research on groundwater security, quantity, and quality in border communities.

Energy.

The Copper Consistency Mineral Consistency Act ([H.R. 8446](#)) which would ensure parity between Critical Materials, as defined by the Department of Energy (DOE), and Critical Minerals, as defined by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The effort also would eliminate the confusion and give the same benefits to both Critical Materials and Critical Minerals, furthering the United States' mission to end reliance on foreign adversaries for critical minerals and materials.

- This bill [passed](#) the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

The Copper is Critical Act ([H.R. 3885](#)) to designate copper as a critical mineral to ensure a reliable and secure domestic supply.

Housing.

The Speeding Up Production of Essential Residences (SUPER) Demonstration Act ([H.R. 9195](#)) to fast-track construction of affordable housing by cutting red tape for developers and encouraging more public-private partnerships in the industry.

The Creating Opportunities for New Skills Training at Rural and Underserved Colleges and Trade Schools (CONSTRUCTS) Act ([H.R. 10420](#)) would expand access to construction training programs at community colleges, junior colleges, and trade schools to bolster the

workforce of skilled construction workers, support high-demand, well-paying jobs for students, and increase the supply of housing units in order to make housing more affordable for everyone.

Other.

The Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2024 ([H.R. 2882](#)) to reauthorize the Udall Foundation in Tucson, which provides critical educational opportunities related to the environment and natural resources.

- This bill [became](#) a law.

The Head Start Education and Development Workforce Advancement and Yield (HEADWAY) Act ([H.R. 7467](#)) would address the childcare workforce shortage by allowing Early Head Start teachers to teach while earning their Child Development Associate credentials, expanding access to these critical programs.

The Grants for Resources in Occupational Workforce Training for Healthcare (GROWTH) Act ([H.R. 6078](#)) to support additional funding for nursing programs in community colleges.

The Chiricahua National Park Act ([H.R. 1479](#)) to designate the Chiricahua National Monument as a national park.

The Ensuring Access to Medicaid Buy-In Program Act ([H.R. 8107](#)) would lift the age limit for the Medicaid buy-in program for working people with disabilities.

The Oversight of Medicare Billing Code Cost Act ([H.R. 7652](#)) to increase transparency within the billing codes of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)

[H.R. 4372](#), to designate the United States Postal Service office located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office".

[H.R. 7011](#), to designate the United States Postal Service office located at 209 Main Street in Duncan, Arizona, as the "Sandra Day O'Connor Post Office".