



## Highlights of H.R. 3180

### Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

On July 13, 2017, by a unanimous voice vote, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence reported the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (H.R. 3180) to the full House of Representatives.

This legislation provides the Intelligence Community (IC) the necessary resources and authorities to ensure they remain capable of protecting and defending the United States. The bill supports critical national security programs, particularly those focused on countering terrorism and cyberattacks. The total funding levels authorized by the bill are slightly below the President's budget, balancing fiscal discipline and national security. This legislation:

- **Focuses the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on core missions** by eliminating several DIA components and functions or realigning them to other IC elements;
- **Defends against foreign threats to elections** by requiring the Director of National Intelligence to electronically publish an unclassified advisory report on foreign counterintelligence and cybersecurity threats to election campaigns for federal offices;
- **Bolsters intelligence oversight** by ensuring that IC contractors can meet freely with Congress; and
- **Improves IC accountability to Congress** by requiring the IC to provide reports on:
  - o Investigations of leaks of classified information;
  - o Security clearance processing timelines;
  - o The process for reviewing information about computer vulnerabilities for retention or potential release; and
  - o Russian influence campaigns directed at foreign elections and threat finance activities.

The Act makes no changes to any surveillance authorities, including those set to expire later this year, which will be addressed in separate legislation.