

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6793

To prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense to carry out a hiring freeze, reduction in force, or hiring delay without cause at a public shipyard.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Ms. GOODLANDER (for herself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. TOKUDA, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Public Shipyard Work-
5 force Protection Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FROM CAR-**
2 **RYING OUT A HIRING FREEZE, REDUCTION IN**
3 **FORCE, OR HIRING DELAY WITHOUT CAUSE**
4 **AT A PUBLIC SHIPYARD.**

5 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or
6 otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the De-
7 partment of Defense may be used to—

8 (1) carry out a hiring freeze at a public ship-
9 yard;

10 (2) carry out a reduction in force at a public
11 shipyard; or

12 (3) delay without cause the filling of a vacant
13 Federal civilian employee position at a public ship-
14 yard.

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