

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2414

To require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Ms. SINEMA

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Working Dog Health
5 and Welfare Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKING DOG REC-**
7 **COMMENDATIONS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
10 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
11 United States Code.

1 (2) WORKING DOG.—The term “working dog”
2 means a dog that has received specialized training in
3 order to perform a particular productive function.

4 (3) WORKING DOG PROGRAM.—The term
5 “working dog program” means a program, the oper-
6 ations of which include the employment of working
7 dogs.

8 (4) WORKING DOG RECOMMENDATIONS.—The
9 term “working dog recommendations” means the
10 recommendations included in the report of the Gov-
11 ernment Accountability Office entitled “Working
12 Dogs: Federal Agencies Need to Better Address
13 Health and Welfare”, as published in October 2022.

14 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of
17 each agency that manages a working dog program
18 shall implement the working dog recommendations.

19 (2) CONTRACTORS.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, a contractor
21 that manages a working dog program on behalf of
22 an agency shall implement the working dog rec-
23 ommendations.

24 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
25 date on which the head of an agency or a contractor

1 that manages a working dog program on behalf of
2 a covered agency implements working dog rec-
3 ommendations under this subsection, the head of the
4 agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
5 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
6 and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability
7 of the House of Representatives a report on the ex-
8 plicit steps the agency or contractor has taken to
9 complete the implementation.

10 (c) FOREIGN PARTNERS.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
12 State shall take appropriate steps to ensure that donations
13 of working dogs provided to foreign partners by the De-
14 partment of State are executed and monitored according
15 to the working dog recommendations.

16 (d) NEW WORKING DOG PROGRAMS.—With respect
17 to an agency that establishes a working dog program, or
18 enters into a contract for the establishment of a working
19 dog program, after the date of enactment of this Act, the
20 head of the agency shall ensure that the working dog pro-
21 gram implements the working dog recommendations.

22 (e) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds
23 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
24 rying out this Act.