

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Hicks
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to support passage of Postal Service Protection Act of 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose of Postal Service Protection Act of 2013
- Impact of reduction of service or closure of postal sorting centers on vote-by-mail
- Increase in delivery time for mail
- Reasons for closure of post offices and sorting centers
- Importance of mail service

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 was introduced in the United State House of Representatives by Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio on February 13, 2013. If the Act is enacted, it would preserve functions of and address immediate financial difficulties facing the United States Postal Service (USPS) that could render the agency insolvent. The Act would stop cuts to service and closures and restore the USPS's ability to remain a viable and competitive institution.

The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would prohibit reducing mail delivery to fewer than six days each week and prevent the proposed reduction of postal services on Saturdays. It would eliminate the existing requirement for pre-funding 75 years of retiree health care benefit payments over a 10-year period. The Act would also set forth rules for the recalculation of annuities for employees of the USPS and allow the USPS to recover over-payments made to the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS). In addition, it would allow the USPS to develop new products and services that would generate new sources of revenue, such as issuing licenses, ending the prohibition on beer and wine shipments and providing notary services.

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