

The bill was moved forward with a Do-Pass recommendation 11-1 Sen. Rand Paul being the lone Nay vote.

Bill would authorize the creation of a task force to review NIST and private recommendations for Digital Identification and verification.

The task force would convene for three years, during which time it would work with the Education dept, NIST, DHS, Treasury Undersecretary Nelly Liang (not mentioned by name, but by title), the SSA, state, tribal and territorial gov, and the private sector undefined- to identify cost savings and cyber security infrastructure for digital passports, birth certificates, death certificates, driver's license, and distributed ledgers*.

As currently written, the bill prohibits a centralized digital ID, see screenshot. However currently written, this single section of the bill is liable to change during the legislative process, or any time after.

I'm specifically concerned about the NIST involvement, given the commission's current Internet of Things committee and work.

The task force would be required to publish annual GOA reports, and publicly disclose their recommendations for comment.

After the three year period, the federal government is to provide optional digital ID, which is currently written as a consent consensus. The requirements for consensus are undefined. It appears as though individuals will be given a choice, but that choice may, ultimately be, the difference of obtaining a driver's license or not, receiving SSA, Medicaid, lending etc or NOT.

proposed amendments and Sent. Paul's dissenting comments can be found here in Senate report 47.

<https://www.congress.gov/congressional-report/118th-congress/senate-report/47>

