

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2825  
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At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

**1 SEC. 529. INNOVATION TASK FORCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-  
3 portation Security Administration may establish a task  
4 force to collaborate with air carriers, airport operators,  
5 and other aviation security stakeholders to foster the pur-  
6 suit of innovations in aviation security prior to the acqui-  
7 sition process.

8 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The task force authorized under  
9 subsection (a) may conduct activities designed to identify  
10 and develop an innovative technology or capability with the  
11 potential of enhancing aviation security, including—

12 (1) conducting a field demonstration of such a  
13 technology or capability in the airport environment;

14 (2) gathering performance data from such a  
15 demonstration to inform the acquisition process; and

16 (3) provide funding and promoting efforts to  
17 enable participation in a demonstration by a small

1 business that has an innovative technology but does  
2 not have adequate resources to participate.

3 (c) COMPOSITION.—The task force authorized under  
4 subsection (a) shall be—

5 (1) chaired by the Administrator of the Trans-  
6 portation Security Administration’s designee; and

7 (2) comprised of representatives appointed by  
8 the Administrator, in consultation with the Chair-  
9 person of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee  
10 (established pursuant to section 44936 of title 49,  
11 United States Code), from appropriate stakeholders  
12 from—

13 (A) within the Administration;

14 (B) air carriers;

15 (C) airport operators;

16 (D) other aviation security stakeholders;

17 and

18 (E) as appropriate, the Science and Tech-  
19 nology Directorate of the Department of Home-  
20 land Security and any other appropriate compo-  
21 nent of the Department.

22 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
23 tion shall require the Administrator of the Transportation  
24 Security Administration to acquire an innovative tech-  
25 nology or emerging security capability.

1           (e) NON-APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal  
2 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply  
3 to the task force authorized under subsection (a).

