

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2973

To increase the micro-purchase threshold for universities, independent research institutes, and non-profit research organizations.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2016

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To increase the micro-purchase threshold for universities, independent research institutes, and non-profit research organizations.

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. MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD FOR UNIVER-**  
4 **SITIES, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INSTI-**  
5 **TUTES, AND NON-PROFIT RESEARCH ORGANI-**  
6 **ZATIONS.**

7 Section 1902 of title 41, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

1           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
2           lows:

3           “(a) DEFINITION.—

4                 “(1) PROCUREMENTS IN GENERAL.—Except as  
5                 provided in paragraph (2), for purposes of this sec-  
6                 tion, the micro-purchase threshold is \$3,000.

7                 “(2) PROCUREMENTS INVOLVING UNIVER-  
8                 SITIES, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INSTITUTES, AND  
9                 NON-PROFIT RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS.—For pur-  
10                poses of this section, the micro-purchase threshold  
11                for procurement activities administered under sec-  
12                tions 6303 through 6305 of title 31, United States  
13                Code, by institutions of higher education (as defined  
14                in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of  
15                1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), or related or affiliated  
16                nonprofit entities, or by nonprofit research organiza-  
17                tions or independent research institutes is—

18                         “(A) \$10,000; or

19                         “(B) such higher threshold as determined  
20                         appropriate by the head of the relevant execu-  
21                         tive agency and consistent with clean audit  
22                         findings under chapter 75 of title 31, United  
23                         States Code, internal institutional risk assess-  
24                         ment, or State law.”; and

1           (2) in subsections (d) and (e), by striking “not  
2           greater than \$3,000” and inserting “with a price  
3           not greater than the micro-purchase threshold”.

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