

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a pilot program to conduct interviews for certain nonimmigrant visas using secure remote video conferencing technology.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 744

To provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR
(for herself and Mr. LEE)

and Ms. Hirono

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle D of title IV, add the following:

2 **SEC. 4409. PILOT PROGRAM FOR REMOTE B NON-**
3 **IMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEWS.**

4 Section 222 (8 U.S.C. 1202) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 “(i)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the Sec-
7 retary of State—

8 “(A) shall develop and conduct a pilot program
9 for processing visas under section 101(a)(15)(B)
10 using secure remote videoconferencing technology as

1 a method for conducting any required in person
2 interview of applicants; and

3 “(B) in consultation with the heads of other
4 Federal agencies that use such secure communica-
5 tions, shall help ensure the security of the
6 videoconferencing transmission and encryption con-
7 ducted under subparagraph (A).

8 “(2) Not later than 90 days after the termination of
9 the pilot program authorized under paragraph (1), the
10 Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate commit-
11 tees of Congress a report that contains—

12 “(A) a detailed description of the results of
13 such program, including an assessment of the effi-
14 cacy, efficiency, and security of the remote
15 videoconferencing technology as a method for con-
16 ducting visa interviews of applicants; and

17 “(B) recommendations for whether such pro-
18 gram should be continued, broadened, or modified.

19 “(3) The pilot program authorized under paragraph
20 (1) may not be conducted if the Secretary of State deter-
21 mines that such program—

22 “(A) poses an undue security risk; and

23 “(B) cannot be conducted in a manner con-
24 sistent with maintaining security controls.

1 “(4) If the Secretary of State makes a determination
2 under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall submit a report
3 to the appropriate committees of Congress that describes
4 the reasons for such determination.

5 “(5) In this subsection:

6 “(A) The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
7 gress’ means—

8 “(i) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
9 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
10 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

11 “(ii) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
13 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives.

15 “(B) The term ‘in person interview’ includes
16 interviews conducted using remote video tech-
17 nology.”.