

Conference Report Language: "Immigration Adjudication Performance and Reducing Case Backlog.-The Department shall continue efforts to accelerate the hiring and deployment of Immigration Judge (IJ) teams, giving priority to the highest workload areas, and improving coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, to institute fair and efficient court proceedings in detention facilities and ensure court appearances by non-detained individuals. EOIR shall continue to hire the most qualified Us from a diverse pool of candidates to ensure the adjudication process is impartial and consistent with due process. In lieu of the House language on alternatives to detention programs, the Committees believe that consistent policies regarding docket management and case adjudication will reduce the impending backlog. EOIR is directed to continue to prioritize cases that are scheduled on the detained docket.