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### **Rep. King to offer amendment to slash DoJ funding equal to cost of DOMA defense**

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Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) is planning to offer an amendment to slash as much funding to the Department of Justice as would have been used to defend the Defense of Marriage Act.

"What I intend to do, and there are other solutions that are offered, and I believe that the Speaker is focused on this, as well ... is to offer an amendment on an appropriations bill that would cut the funding to the Department of Justice in an amount yet to be determined that would be equivalent to that amount that they would otherwise use to defend the Defense of Marriage Act," King said Tuesday.

Last week President Obama announced that the department would stop defending the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits same-sex unions.

Congressional Republicans have threatened to continue to defend the law even without the DoJ. In an interview released earlier this week House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) **said** that he and his Republican colleagues were considering a number of ways of defending the law.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) has recommended that the House appoint a special counsel to defend the law and Boehner said that was being considered.

On Wednesday, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) sent a letter to Boehner urging him to not appoint a special counsel.

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