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Housing Fairness Act of 2007

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Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 9, 2007
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 1, 2007
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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2926	Identical bill	Jun 28, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Housing Fairness Act of 2007 - Instructs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to conduct, and report to Congress on, a nationwide testing program to: (1) detect and document differences in the treatment of persons seeking to rent or purchase housing or obtain or refinance a home mortgage loan; (2) measure patterns of adverse treatment because of the race, color, religion, sex, familial status, disability status, or national origin of a renter, home buyer, or borrower; and (3) measure the prevalence of such discriminatory practices across housing and mortgage lending markets.

Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 to reauthorize the fair housing initiatives program.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should: (1) fully comply with such Act's requirements to establish, design, and maintain a national education and outreach program for the development and dissemination of the fair housing rights of individuals who seek to rent, purchase, sell, or facilitate the sale of a home; (2) use all amounts appropriated for such program; and (3) promulgate regulations on the fair housing obligations of each recipient of federal housing funds to affirmatively further fair housing.

Directs the Secretary to implement a competitive matching grant program to assist private nonprofit organizations in: (1) conducting comprehensive studies of specified aspects of the causes and effects of housing discrimination and segregation; and (2) implementing pilot projects that test solutions to help prevent or alleviate housing discrimination and segregation.

Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 28, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8707)
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