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Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016

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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 28, 2016
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Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 29, 2016
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Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 7, 2016
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Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 13, 2016
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3700	Related bill	Jul 29, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-201.
114 S 2935	Related bill	May 17, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
114 S 2668	Related bill	Mar 10, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
114 HR 4707	Related bill	Mar 3, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
114 HR 3827	Related bill	Oct 23, 2015: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
114 HR 251	Related bill	Jul 15, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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This bill amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 and other housing laws to modify the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rental assistance (including section 8 low-income [voucher]) and public housing programs, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) requirements for condominium mortgage insurance, and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) single family housing guaranteed loan program.

The bill revises the requirements for Public House Agencies (PHAs) to inspect dwelling units before making housing assistance payments to ensure that units comply with housing quality standards.

A PHA shall review the incomes of assisted families in dwelling units, and may not rent a dwelling unit to or assist families with net family assets exceeding \$100,000 annually (adjusted for inflation) or an ownership interest in property that is suitable for occupancy.

The bill also revises requirements for:

- PHA project-based assistance, including vouchers;
- the public notice requirements for proposed Fair Market Rents; and
- the Family Unification Program, especially coordination between PHAs and public child welfare agencies in carrying it out.

The Housing Act of 1949 is amended to permit USDA to delegate to preferred lenders its loan approval authority for the Rural Housing Service single family housing guaranteed loan program.

The National Housing Act is amended to require the FHA to modify its certification requirements for condominium mortgage insurance.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is amended to require HUD to define the "geographic area" for purposes of the Continuum of Care Program (which awards project sponsors or unified funding agencies competitive grants focused on addressing the long-term housing and services needs of homeless individuals and families).

Local governments receiving Emergency Solutions Grants may distribute all or part of the assistance to PHAs or Local Redevelopment Authorities. (The grants are awarded to assist the homeless and prevent homelessness. Distribution of the grants is currently limited to nonprofit organizations.)

The bill transfers to the Office of the Secretary the Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs, currently in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs must report annually to Congress on the number of veterans assisted by HUD programs, coordination of services for veterans, and the cost of administering programs to veterans.

The bill also revises the formula and requirements for distributing funds under the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

Actions Timeline

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