

HR 3384

Quiet Communities Act of 2015

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Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2015
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3197	Related bill	Jul 13, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Quiet Communities Act of 2015

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reestablish an Office of Noise Abatement and Control and reauthorizes the Office's activities through FY2020.

The responsibilities of the Office must include: (1) promoting the development of effective state and local noise control programs, (2) carrying out a national noise control research program, (3) carrying out a national noise environmental assessment program, (4) establishing regional technical assistance centers to assist state and local noise control programs, (5) assessing the effectiveness of the Noise Control Act of 1972, and (6) conducting related outreach and educational activities. The Office must emphasize noise abatement approaches that rely on local and state activities, market incentives, and coordination with other agencies.

Using funds made available to the Office, the EPA must carry out a study of airport noise.

The bill amends the Noise Control Act of 1972 to expand the quiet communities grant program to include grants for establishing and implementing training programs on use of noise abatement equipment and implementing noise abatement plans.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.