

HR 1735

Community Empowerment for Mitigated Properties Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3041	Related bill	Dec 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 737.
115 HR 4667	Related bill	Jan 4, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 291.

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to issue guidance regarding the acquisition of property for open space as a hazard mitigation measure under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which shall include:

- a process by which the state hazard mitigation officer appointed for such acquisition shall, within 60 days after an applicant for assistance enters into the acquisition agreement, provide written notification to each affected local government that includes the location and a description of the acquisition, the state-local assistance agreement for the hazard mitigation grant program, and a copy of the deed restriction; and
- recommendations for entering into and implementing a memorandum of understanding between local governments and covered entities that allows an affected local government to use and maintain the open space created by such a project, consistent with such Act and all adjoining property and subject to the notification of the adjoining property, so long as the maintenance cost is borne by the local government, and to maintain the open space pursuant to standards exceeding any local government standards defined in the agreement with FEMA.

A "covered entity" includes the grantee or subgrantee receiving assistance for an open space project, the state in which such project is located, and the applicable regional administrator of FEMA.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 21, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-417.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 309.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E390)
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.