

HR 2906

Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act of 2017

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Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 10, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Nov 30, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 15, 2018
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jun 15, 2018
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jun 15, 2018
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 4, 2018
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Sep 4, 2018
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 4, 2018
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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Dec 20, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1351	Related bill	Jun 14, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jun 15, 2017)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to study access by underserved populations to general surgeons, including: (1) whether the health professional shortage area designation under the National Health Service Corps program accurately assesses adequacy of access and whether another measure would be more accurate, and (2) potential methodologies for designating general surgery shortage areas.

HHS must publish data comparing the availability and need of general surgery services in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

HHS may establish a methodology for designating general surgery shortage areas and make such designations. HHS must publish a list of general surgery shortage areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 15, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.