

## HR 4938

### Respond NOW Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 6, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Apr 5, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4938>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Budget Committee                  | House   | Referred To | Feb 6, 2018  |
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 5, 2018  |
| Energy and Commerce Committee     | House   | Referred to | Feb 9, 2018  |
| Judiciary Committee               | House   | Referred To | Feb 6, 2018  |
| Ways and Means Committee          | House   | Referred to | Feb 12, 2018 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 115 HR 3692 | Related bill | Apr 25, 2018: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.                                |
| 115 S 2704  | Related bill | Apr 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.                                |
| 115 HR 4907 | Related bill | Feb 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.   |
| 115 S 2317  | Related bill | Jan 17, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 115 HR 4097 | Related bill | Oct 27, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |

## Respond to the Needs in the Opioid War Act or the Respond NOW Act

This bill establishes the Opioid Epidemic Response Fund through FY2022 to fund programs and activities addressing the opioid and substance use epidemic, including:

- Food and Drug Administration support of innovation in non-opioid and nonaddictive medical products for pain treatment,
- National Institutes of Health research on creating longer-lasting or faster-acting antidotes for opioid overdoses,
- Health Resources and Services Administration efforts to increase the availability and capacity of the behavioral health workforce, and
- Administration for Children and Families programs for child abuse prevention and treatment.

The bill amends the 21st Century Cures Act to extend funding through FY2022 for programs to help states address substance use prevention and treatment.

The bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow a practitioner to dispense narcotic drugs for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment to an increased number of patients under specified conditions.

The bill amends the Social Security Act to include methadone treatment in Medicare coverage.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 5, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Feb 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 9, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and the Budget, 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.