

## HR 5354

### Countering Foreign Propaganda Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Countering Foreign Propaganda Act of 2018

This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require a U.S.-based foreign media outlet to submit to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) a report every six months that contains: (1) the name of the outlet, and (2) a description of the outlet's relationship with its foreign principal, including the legal relationship and funding the outlet receives from the principal. The FCC must transmit a summary of such reports to Congress and make them publicly available.

The bill requires a U.S.-based foreign media outlet that produces or distributes any video programming for a foreign principal that is or intended to be transmitted by a multichannel video programming distributor (such as cable operators and direct satellite services) to U.S. consumers to include a conspicuous statement that the programming is produced or distributed by the outlet on behalf of its foreign principal. The FCC may define by rule what constitutes a "conspicuous statement."

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 23, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 20, 2018:** Introduced in House
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