

## HRES 539

Calling for sickle-cell trait research, surveillance, and public education and awareness.

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**Policy Area:** Health

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Recognizes the challenges in addressing health outcomes among people with sickle-cell trait and sickle-cell disease. (Sickle-cell disease refers to blood disorders resulting from abnormal red blood cells.)

Encourages the medical community to make individuals aware of their sickle-cell trait status.

Urges the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a public awareness campaign regarding the importance of individuals knowing their sickle-cell trait status and to expand access for screening and counseling.

Commits to supporting research on sickle-cell trait and sickle-cell disease.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.