

HR 6827

United States Territorial Relief Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large] | D · VT | | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23] | D · FL | | Oct 2, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Budget Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 24, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 3262 | Related bill | Jul 25, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |

Summary (as of Sep 13, 2018)

United States Territorial Relief Act of 2018

This bill establishes a process under which Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories may terminate certain debts if they meet eligibility criteria.

The bill allows territories to terminate their public, unsecured debt if they meet two of three criteria:

- the population of the territory has decreased by more than 5% over 10 years,
- the territory received major federal disaster assistance, and
- the territory's per capita debt exceeds \$15,000.

The bill also provides funding that a special master must allocate to certain creditors whose debts were discharged under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, 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.