

HR 1737

To make housing more affordable, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

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

Cosponsors (22 total)

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Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 13, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 13, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 12, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 787	Identical bill	Mar 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 13, 2019)

American Housing and Economic Mobility Act of 2019

This bill addresses housing affordability and availability, makes certain changes to the estate and gift taxes, and contains other related provisions.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall provide grants to (1) state and local governments that remove unnecessary barriers to building affordable units, (2) states to assist borrowers who have negative equity in their homes, (3) state housing finance agencies to construct affordable rental housing and prevent tenant displacement and harassment, and (4) eligible individuals (generally, lower income individuals who resided in low-income or historically racially segregated areas) to help them purchase their first homes.

The bill provides funding through FY2029 for the first-time homeowner grant program established by the bill, through FY2020 for the affordable rental housing construction program established by the bill, and through FY2020 for specified existing rural housing programs.

The bill also expands fair housing protections to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, source of income, veteran status, or an individual's perceived membership in a protected class (e.g., an individual's perceived race or sex).

Additionally, the bill modifies the estate tax in various ways, including by reducing the number of brackets to three, increasing the tax rates, and reducing the basic exemption amount. The bill also modifies provisions related to gift taxes and transfer taxes.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Education and Labor, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.