

HR 1841

Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act of 2019

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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 6, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2859	Related bill	Nov 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Mar 21, 2019)

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This bill requires the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to study access by underserved populations to general surgeons, including (1) whether the health professional shortage area designation under the National Health Service Corps program accurately assesses adequacy of access, (2) whether another measure would be more accurate, and (3) potential methodologies for designating general surgery shortage areas.

HRSA must publish data comparing the availability and need of general surgery services in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

HRSA may establish a methodology for designating general surgery shortage areas and make such designations. HRSA must publish a list of general surgery shortage areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.