

HR 2638

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

Latest Action: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote . (Sep 26, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 535	Related bill	Jan 13, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of May 9, 2019)

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing first responders' use of equipment (e.g., foam used to fight fires) that contains perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS. These substances are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain the compounds, such as nonstick cookware or weatherproof clothing.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 26, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **May 15, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 10, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.