

## HR 3957

Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Reported by | Mar 10, 2020 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred To | Jul 25, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action  |
|------------|--------------|--|
| 116 S 2433 | Related bill | <b>Aug 1, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2019)

Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry.

Specifically, the bill allows companies engaged in the qualifying sale of a broadcast station to receive favorable tax treatment by electing nonrecognition of the gain or loss resulting from the sale. To qualify for this treatment, the sale must result in or preserve ownership of a broadcast station by socially disadvantaged individuals.

The bill also requires the FCC to foster investment in broadcast stations owned by socially disadvantaged individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 9, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.