

## HR 4459

Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Sep 27, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Sep 24, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 27, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 24, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4998	Text similarities	<b>Mar 12, 2020:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-124.

## **Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019**

This bill establishes (1) a mechanism to prevent communications equipment or services that pose a national security risk from entering U.S. networks, and (2) a program to remove any such equipment or services currently used in U.S. networks.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of federal funds to obtain communications equipment or services from a company that poses a national security risk to U.S. communications networks (e.g., Huawei Technologies Co. Limited, Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation, or any subsidiary or affiliate of either entity). The Federal Communications Commission must publish and maintain a list of such equipment or services.

In addition, the bill establishes the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program to supply small communications providers (i.e., providers with 2 million or fewer customers) with funds to offset the cost of removing prohibited equipment or services from their networks and replacing it with more secure communications equipment or services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 27, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.

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