

## HR 4854

### Making DI Work For All Americans Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. (Oct 23, 2019)

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#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

#### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

#### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Making DI Work For All Americans Act of 2019**

This bill revises the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs, including with respect to benefits, disability reviews, and claimant representative fees. It also modifies administrative and other activities of the Social Security Administration (SSA) concerning these programs.

Specifically, the bill sets the SSI benefit amount at 1/12 of the federal poverty level and prohibits the receipt of disability benefits and unemployment compensation in the same month. It also increases the frequency of continuing disability reviews, eliminates certain stages of disability review reconsiderations, and requires the SSA to use social media evidence in these reviews. Additionally, the bill eliminates the authority of the SSA to set fees for, and certify payments to, representatives of Social Security claimants.

Other changes include applying the Code of Conduct for U.S. Judges to Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) and requiring the SSA to review disability determinations of ALJs who are considered outliers based on the relative number of awards they have made. Furthermore, the SSA must estimate the number of ALJs and support staff that are necessary to complete disability determinations within specified time frames.

Additionally, the SSA must update certain guidelines used in disability determinations to account for factors including employment made possible due to advances in treatment, rehabilitation, and technology; update the jobs that exist in the national economy for purposes of disability determinations; study the impact of using different disability standards to determine disability status; and provide specified training to state partners.

### **Actions Timeline**

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