

## HR 496

Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Jan 11, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 15, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.

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This bill directs the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a program to

- study the short-term and long-term mechanisms that cause sinkholes, including extreme storm events, prolonged droughts causing shifts in water management practices, aquifer depletion, and other major changes in water use; and
- develop maps depicting the zones that are at greater risk of forming sinkholes.

The USGS must establish a public website that displays such maps and other relevant information critical for use by community planners and emergency managers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 4, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-427.
- **Jun 4, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 341.
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 19, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.