

HR 5335

American Energy Opportunity Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 9, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 6, 2019

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2447	Related bill	Sep 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **American Energy Opportunity Act of 2019**

This bill establishes a process for expediting and standardizing the permitting process for certain distributed energy systems. The bill defines such systems as equipment or materials installed in, on, or near a building to support onsite or local energy use, such as solar energy, batteries, and charging systems for electrical vehicles.

Specifically, the Department of Energy (DOE) must establish or designate a Distributed Energy Opportunity Board to carry out a program to (1) expedite the process for local permitting and inspection of qualifying distributed energy systems, and (2) facilitate the certification of distributed energy system installers.

In addition, DOE must recognize and certify communities as Distributed Energy Opportunity Communities if they adopt and implement a permit-to-build protocol that is established by the board. DOE may award grants to encourage communities to adopt the protocol and standardized inspection processes established by the board.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 9, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Dec 6, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 6, 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.