

HR 6308

Housing is a Human Right Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 19, 2020
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Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2020
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 19, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 19, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 19, 2020
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 29, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 20, 2020
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 19, 2020)

Housing is a Human Right Act of 2020

This bill establishes and expands programs to assist homeless and housing-unstable individuals and establishes new real property-related taxes to fund specified Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs.

HUD must establish the Community Development Block Grant Plus Program for state and local governments to assist homeless and housing-unstable individuals as well as cost-burdened households. These funds may be used only for certain activities that assist these populations, including the construction of new affordable housing.

The bill also establishes other grant programs to assist these individuals, such as by facilitating access to voting and libraries.

Governmental entities may not receive assistance under the bill unless they have, or are working to implement, policies that (1) do not criminally punish homeless individuals for sleeping outside or on public property, and (2) comply with constitutional protections for these individuals' property.

In addition, the bill establishes taxes on (1) the sale or exchange of real property of at least \$10 million, (2) the sale or exchange of real property involving an anonymous entity, and (3) rent received by landlords that own large amounts of dwelling units. The revenue from these taxes must be credited to various HUD programs in specified percentages.

The Government Accountability Office must study (1) the allocation formula for Emergency Food and Shelter grants, (2) recipient compliance with various grant program guidelines, and (3) barriers related to access to essential documents that homeless and housing-unstable individuals face.

Actions Timeline

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