HR 6846

Equitable Nutrition Assistance for the Territories Act of 2020

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3934	Identical bill	**Jun 10, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
116 HR 1576	Related bill	**Apr 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
116 S 677	Related bill	**Mar 6, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of May 12, 2020)

Equitable Nutrition Assistance for the Territories Act of 2020

This bill allows Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) after submitting a plan of operation that is approved by the Department of Agriculture (USDA). (Under current law, the three territories receive block grants instead of participating in SNAP.)

Such territories may request from USDA a one-time grant to pay the cost of the technology infrastructure necessary to implement SNAP, including the cost of information technology, information technology personnel, and training relating to program implementation.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **May 12, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

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