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Affordable HOME Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5385	Identical bill	Sep 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
117 HR 3200	Related bill	May 14, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
117 S 1632	Related bill	May 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Affordable Housing Opportunities Made Equitable Act or the Affordable HOME Act

This bill addresses the availability and affordability of housing.

Among other provisions for low-income and homeless individuals, the bill requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to construct and preserve multifamily rental housing projects in rural areas, specifies the number of low-income housing choice vouchers HUD must provide in FY2022-2031, and provides FY2022-2031 appropriations for HUD to assist permanent supportive housing. The bill also repeals the limitation on construction of new public housing units, commonly known as the Faircloth limit or the Faircloth amendment; prohibits discrimination in housing based on source of income; and provides additional FY2021 appropriations for the Housing Trust Fund, which provides assistance to states to produce and preserve affordable housing.

For individuals experiencing unemployment or income shortfalls during periods of increased state unemployment or during certain disasters, the bill establishes an emergency assistance fund to provide housing assistance.

For qualifying homeowners, the bill requires HUD to provide grants for down payment assistance and establishes a 15% annual mortgage interest tax credit.

Among other provisions for residential renters, the bill requires notice and specific cause for eviction, provides funding to state and local governments that have established a right to counsel in certain housing cases, and requires certain landlords to provide renters an opportunity to purchase before selling or transferring the rental property.

The bill also provides grants for acquisition and preservation of manufactured home communities.

Actions Timeline

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