

HR 3856

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jun 11, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. (Sep 7, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 7, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1031 | Related bill | Nov 30, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-66. |

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2021)

This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study to assess whether there are disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to (1) compensation benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), (2) disability ratings determined by the VA, and (3) the rejection of fully developed claims for VA benefits. Additionally, the study must assess whether there is any relationship between such disparities associated with race and ethnicity and other demographic characteristics such as gender and age. The GAO must also develop recommendations to facilitate better data collection on such disparities associated with race and ethnicity.

Within one year, the GAO must brief Congress on the initial results of the study. The GAO must also submit a final report on the study following the briefing.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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