

HR 4871

Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Oct 19, 2021
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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2022
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 28, 2022
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2022
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Mar 31, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2456	Related bill	Jul 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2021)

Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2021

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to take certain actions to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry and establishes a related tax incentive.

Specifically, the bill requires the FCC to report to Congress regarding (1) recommendations for increasing the total number of broadcast stations that are owned or controlled by members of minority groups or women, (2) the total number of broadcast stations that are owned or controlled by members of minority groups or women, and (3) whether there is a nexus between diversity of ownership or control of broadcast stations and the diversity of the viewpoints expressed on the stations.

In addition, the bill allows companies engaged in the qualifying sale of a broadcast station to receive favorable tax treatment by electing nonrecognition of the gain or loss resulting from the sale. To qualify for this treatment, the sale must result in or preserve ownership and control of a broadcast station by socially disadvantaged individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2021:** 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.