

HR 535

Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]

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

Cosponsors (31 total)

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| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26] | D · CA | | Jan 28, 2021 |
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| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32] | D · CA | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20] | D · CA | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52] | D · CA | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1] | D · IL | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41] | D · CA | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5] | D · CA | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20] | D · FL | | Feb 2, 2021 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17] | D · CA | | Feb 2, 2021 |
| Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36] | D · CA | | Feb 3, 2021 |
| Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2] | D · CO | | Feb 4, 2021 |
| Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8] | D · IL | | Feb 18, 2021 |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49] | D · CA | | Feb 18, 2021 |
| Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14] | D · CA | | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8] | D · WA | | Mar 2, 2021 |
| Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11] | D · IL | | Mar 12, 2021 |
| Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44] | D · CA | | Jun 11, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Financial Services Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 28, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 91 | Identical bill | Jan 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2021)

Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

This bill makes special districts eligible for the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the Municipal Liquidity Facility program.

Specifically, the bill makes special districts eligible for payments from amounts paid to states from any new appropriations to the fund. A special district must submit a request for payment to the state with information demonstrating that the special district has experienced or is likely to experience during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency

- reduced revenue or operational funding derived from provided services, taxes, fees, or other sources of revenue;
- reduced indirect funding from the federal government, the state, or a unit of general government below the state level; or
- as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, increased expenditures necessary to continue operations.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall include special districts as eligible issuers in the Municipal Liquidity Facility program, which was created in response to the COVID-19 emergency to buy municipal securities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E75)
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.