

HR 1708

Housing Is a Human Right Act of 2023

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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jul 15, 2024
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 22, 2023)

Housing is a Human Right Act of 2023

This bill establishes and expands programs to assist homeless and housing-unstable individuals and establishes new real property-related taxes to fund specified Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs.

HUD must establish the Community Development Block Grant Plus Program for state and local governments to assist homeless and housing-unstable individuals as well as cost-burdened households. These funds may be used only for certain activities that assist these populations, including the construction of new affordable housing.

The bill also establishes other grant programs to assist these individuals, such as by facilitating access to voting and libraries.

Governmental entities may not receive assistance under the bill unless they have, or are working to implement, policies that (1) do not criminally punish homeless individuals for sleeping outside or on public property, and (2) comply with constitutional protections for these individuals' property.

In addition, the bill establishes additional taxes on (1) the sale or exchange of real property if the amount realized from the transaction is at least \$10 million, (2) the sale or exchange of real property involving an anonymous entity, and (3) rent received by landlords that own large amounts of dwelling units. The revenue from these taxes must be credited to various HUD programs in specified percentages.

The Government Accountability Office must study (1) the allocation formula for Emergency Food and Shelter Program grants, and (2) recipient compliance with various grant program guidelines.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, and 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.