

## S 75

### Lifting Local Communities Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 25, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jan 31, 2023
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jan 31, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 25, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4789	Related bill	Aug 24, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.
118 S 74	Related bill	Jan 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Lifting Local Communities Act**

This bill specifies that government entities may not discriminate against religious organizations when awarding federal funds for social services programs (i.e., government programs that provide services for low-income individuals and communities, such as child care, transportation, employment, housing, and meal services).

Specifically, religious organizations are eligible to apply for and receive federal funds to provide services for social services programs on the same basis as private, nonreligious organizations. Additionally, government entities may not discriminate against private organizations on the basis of religion when selecting funding recipients.

Organizations that receive federal funds for social services programs may not discriminate against individuals on the basis of religion when providing services. If an individual objects to the character or affiliation of a private organization that is providing a service as part of a social services program, government entities must provide the individual with reasonable alternatives.

Religious organizations may bring civil actions against entities for violations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 25, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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