

S 904

Fair Pay Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 30, 2009
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 11, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2151	Identical bill	Jun 4, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

Summary (as of Apr 28, 2009)

Fair Pay Act of 2009 - Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin. (Allows payment of different wages under seniority systems, merit systems, systems that measure earnings by quantity or quality of production, or differentials based on bona fide factors that the employer demonstrates are job-related or further legitimate business interests.)

Prohibits the discharge of, or any other discrimination against, an individual for opposing any act or practice made unlawful by this Act, or for assisting in an investigation or proceeding under it.

Directs courts, in any action brought under this Act for violation of such prohibition, to allow expert fees as part of the costs awarded to prevailing plaintiffs. Allows any such action to be maintained as a class action.

Directs the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to: (1) undertake studies and provide information and technical assistance to employers, labor organizations, and the general public concerning effective means available to implement this Act; and (2) carry on a continuing program of research, education, and technical assistance with specified components related to the purposes of this Act.

Makes conforming amendments relating to congressional and executive branch employees to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 and the Presidential and Executive Office Accountability Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 11, 2010:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-1135.
- **Apr 28, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 28, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.