

## S 821

Uniting American Families Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 14, 2011
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 14, 2011
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Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 2, 2011
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 7, 2011
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 26, 2012
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 17, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jun 6, 2012
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 13, 2012
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 19, 2012
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 19, 2012
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Nov 13, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1537	Related bill	<b>Jun 1, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
112 HR 1796	Related bill	<b>Jun 1, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

Uniting American Families Act of 2011 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include a "permanent partner" within the scope of such Act. Defines a "permanent partner" as an individual 18 or older who: (1) is in a committed, intimate relationship with another individual 18 or older in which both individuals intend a lifelong commitment; (2) is financially interdependent with the other individual; (3) is not married to, or in a permanent partnership with, anyone other than the individual; (4) is unable to contract with the other individual a marriage cognizable under this Act; and (5) is not a first, second, or third degree blood relation of the other individual.

Defines "permanent partnership" as the relationship existing between two permanent partners.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 14, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2511-2512)
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2512-2514)