

## S 1133

### Arbitration Fairness Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2015
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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		May 12, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 17, 2015
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 19, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 19, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 1, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 2, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 8, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2087	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

## Summary (as of Apr 29, 2015)

### Arbitration Fairness Act of 2015

Declares that no predispute arbitration agreement shall be valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment, consumer, antitrust, or civil rights dispute.

Declares, further, that the validity and enforceability of an agreement to arbitrate shall be determined by a court, under federal law, rather than an arbitrator, irrespective of whether the party resisting arbitration challenges the arbitration agreement specifically or in conjunction with other terms of the contract containing such agreement.

Exempts from this Act arbitration provisions in a contract between an employer and a labor organization or between labor organizations. Denies to any such arbitration provision, however, the effect of waiving the right of an employee to seek judicial enforcement of a right arising under the U.S. Constitution, a state constitution, a federal or state statute, or related public policy.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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