

S 2280

POWER Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Nov 16, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Nov 10, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6149	Related bill	Oct 11, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

## **Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2015 or the POWER Act**

This bill requires the U.S. Attorney for a judicial district to lead at least one public event that promotes pro bono legal services as a critical way to: (1) empower survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and (2) engage citizens in assisting those survivors.

A special but similar rule applies to districts containing Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Each U.S. Attorney shall: (1) have discretion on the design, organization, and implementation of such public events; and (2) seek to maximize an event's local impact and the access of such survivors to high-quality pro bono legal services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 16, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 10, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 10, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7954-7955; text as passed Senate: CR S7954-7955)
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