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Raise the Wage Act

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Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 25, 2017
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Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 25, 2017
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 25, 2017
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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 9, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4074	Related bill	Oct 26, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
115 HR 15	Identical bill	May 25, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of May 25, 2017)

Raise the Wage Act

This bill amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the federal minimum wage for regular employees over a 7-year period, for tipped employees, and for newly hired employees who are less than 20 years old.

The bill sets forth a schedule of annual increases in the federal minimum wage for individuals with disabilities. The Department of Labor shall no longer issue special certificates for the payment of subminimum wages to such individuals after the final wage increase under this bill for such individuals takes effect.

Labor shall provide, upon request, technical assistance and information to employers to: (1) help them transition their practices to comply with wage increases and other requirements under this bill for individuals with disabilities, and (2) ensure continuing employment opportunities for such individuals.

The bill eliminates the separate minimum wage requirements for tipped, newly hired, and disabled employees. After a specified period, these employees shall be paid the same minimum wage as regular employees.

Labor must publish any increase in the minimum wage in the Federal Register and on its website 60 days before it takes effect.

Actions Timeline

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