

S 1585

DISCLOSE Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (45 total)

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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 19, 2017

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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 25, 2017
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6239	Related bill	Jun 27, 2018: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
115 S 3150	Related bill	Jun 27, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
115 S 2966	Related bill	May 24, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 S 1880	Related bill	Sep 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 1615	Related bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Jul 19, 2017)

Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections Act of 2017 or the DISCLOSE Act of 2017

This bill amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to ban campaign contributions and expenditures by corporations that are controlled, influenced, or owned by foreign nationals.

The bill redefines the term "independent expenditure" to include an expenditure that is the functional equivalent of express advocacy because it can be interpreted by a reasonable person only as advocating the election or defeat of a candidate.

The bill expands the period during which certain communications are treated as electioneering communications.

The bill prescribes disclosure requirements for campaign-related disbursements by corporations, labor organizations, and other entities, including a political committee with an account established for the purpose of accepting donations or contributions that do not comply with the contribution limits or source prohibitions under FECA.

Actions Timeline

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