

## HR 5975

Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 25, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Fi

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and Energy and Commerce, 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. (May 25, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 25, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		May 25, 2018
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		May 25, 2018
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		May 25, 2018
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 25, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Oct 23, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2018
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2018
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2018
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 526	Related bill	<b>Dec 20, 2018:</b> By Senator Risch from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 115-452.
115 S 3256	Related bill	<b>Jul 24, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 S 2873	Identical bill	<b>May 17, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 S 484	Related bill	<b>Sep 12, 2017:</b> Held at the desk.
115 S 154	Related bill	<b>Aug 2, 2017:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 194.
115 HR 2056	Related bill	<b>Jul 25, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
115 HR 1366	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## Summary (as of May 25, 2018)

### Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act of 2018

This bill provides for various support for Puerto Rico, including by (1) establishing tax benefits for Puerto Rico, such as a tax credit for employment payroll taxes and an expansion of the child tax credit; (2) relaxing certain requirements related to Small Business Administration loan programs for certain Puerto Rico businesses; (3) prioritizing the transfer of surplus U.S. government property to qualified Puerto Rico businesses; and (4) establishing the Federal and State Technology Partnership Program in Puerto Rico.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2018:** Introduced in House
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