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AI in Government Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 8, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 8, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 3, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 133	Related bill	Dec 27, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-260.
116 HR 2575	Identical bill	Sep 15, 2020: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 531.

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This bill creates the AI Center of Excellence within the General Services Administration to

- promote the efforts of the federal government in developing innovative uses of and acquiring artificial intelligence (AI) technologies,
- improve cohesion and competency in the adoption and use of AI within the federal government, and
- undertake such activities for the purposes of benefitting the public and enhancing the productivity and efficiency of federal government operations.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must (1) issue a memorandum to federal agencies regarding AI governance approaches, to be followed by preparation and submission of governance plans by the agencies and updates at specified intervals; and (2) issue a draft version of the memorandum for public comment and submit to Congress a comprehensive plan with a time line to complete requirements of this bill.

The bill requires agencies that use or anticipate using AI to submit to the OMB and post on a publicly available page of the agency website a plan to achieve consistency with the memorandum.

In addition, the Office of Personnel Management must, among other things

- identify key skills and competencies needed for positions related to AI; and
- establish an occupational series, or revise an existing job series, to include positions the primary duties of which relate to AI.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-225.
- **Jun 1, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 456.
- **Nov 6, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 8, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 8, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.