

S 1491

Restoring Justice for Workers Act

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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 15, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 15, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 15, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 15, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 15, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 3, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 18, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2749	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
116 HR 2148	Related bill	May 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 S 1082	Related bill	Apr 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 1443	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

Summary (as of May 15, 2019)

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This bill prohibits predispute arbitration agreements that require arbitration of an employment dispute.

It allows a postdispute arbitration agreement if the employee enters into it voluntarily without coercion and is informed in writing of rights and protections under such agreement. An employer may not retaliate against an employee for refusing to enter into an agreement for arbitrating an employment dispute.

Actions Timeline

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