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Raise the Wage Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4306	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 582	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 156.

Summary (as of Jan 16, 2019)

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

- **Jan 16, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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