

HR 1540

Protecting Our Widows and Widowers in Retirement (POWR) Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

Introduced: Mar 5, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Mar 5, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1540>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 28, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2654	Related bill	May 9, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2019)

Protecting Our Widows and Widowers in Retirement (POWR) Act

This bill increases Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance benefits for widows or widowers in two-income households by establishing an alternative benefit based on combined household benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Mar 5, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.