

## S 1596

### Food and Agribusiness Merger Moratorium and Antitrust Review Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 22, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 22, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 22, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 25, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2933	Identical bill	<b>Jun 28, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

### Summary (as of May 22, 2019)

#### Food and Agribusiness Merger Moratorium and Antitrust Review Act of 2019

This bill places a moratorium on certain acquisitions between large agricultural and retail-related businesses and establishes the Food and Agriculture Concentration and Market Power Review Commission. The commission shall report to Congress and the President on (1) the nature and consequences of market concentration in the U.S. food and agricultural economy, and (2) recommended legal and regulatory changes to address such market concentration.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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