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BEST Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 22, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 22, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 22, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 22, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		May 22, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 22, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 24, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Dec 4, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Dec 12, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 23, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2986	Identical bill	Aug 7, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 379.
116 HR 7516	Related bill	Jul 10, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
116 S 2048	Related bill	Jul 9, 2019: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-327.

Summary (as of Oct 22, 2019)

Better Energy Storage Technology Act or the BEST Act

This bill addresses research, development, and demonstration programs relating to energy storage systems.

Among other requirements, the Department of Energy must

- establish a research, development, and deployment program for energy storage systems, including distributed and transportation energy storage technologies and applications;
- enter into agreements to carry out at least five demonstration projects and develop a 10-year strategic plan for energy storage systems;
- establish a competitive grant program to assist certain states and tribal governments, institutions of higher education, utilities, and private energy storage companies carry out demonstration projects for pilot energy storage systems;
- provide technical and planning assistance to help certain electric cooperatives, political subdivisions of states, nonprofit entities, and utilities procure energy storage systems; and
- award competitive prizes for advancing the recycling of critical energy storage materials such as lithium and cobalt.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 116-135.
- **Oct 22, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 255.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 9, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-327.
- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3062-3063)

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