

## S 162

Fair Compensation for Low-Wage Contractor Employees Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Cosponsors** (48 total)

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 16, 2019
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 17, 2019
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 17, 2019
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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 28, 2019
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Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jan 28, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 29, 2019
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Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 30, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 4, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 5, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 11, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 16, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">116 HR 3055</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 21, 2019:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-69.
<a href="#">116 HR 824</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 28, 2019:</b> Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.
<a href="#">116 HR 678</a>	Identical bill	<b>Jan 17, 2019:</b> Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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 Jan 16, 2019)

### Fair Compensation for Low-Wage Contractor Employees Act of 2019

This bill appropriates funding to provide compensation to certain employees of contractors who lost pay or leave due to the lapse in appropriations that began on December 22, 2018.

Each agency subject to such lapse shall adjust the price of any contract for which the contractor was ordered to suspend, delay, or stop work as a result of the lapse. The agency shall compensate the contractor for reasonable costs incurred to (1) provide compensation, at an employee's standard rate of compensation, to any employee who was furloughed or laid off, or who was not working, who experienced a reduction of hours, or who experienced a reduction in compensation, as a result of the lapse, for the period of the lapse; or (2) restore paid leave taken by any employee during the lapse, if the contractor required employees to use paid leave as a result of the lapse.

The maximum amount of weekly compensation of an employee for which an adjustment may be made may not exceed the lesser of the employee's actual weekly compensation or \$965.

## Actions Timeline

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