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Empower Act of 2019

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 20, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 20, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 20, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4053	Related bill	Aug 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 949	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 39.

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This bill modifies the system for the public financing of presidential primary and general elections.

The bill (1) eliminates spending limits on participating candidates, (2) increases the amount of matching funds for participating candidates by matching the first \$200 of contributions by individuals to candidates at a 6:1 ratio, (3) requires participating candidates to agree to accept contributions of no more than \$1,000, and (4) allows national parties to expend up to \$100 million in coordination with participating candidates.

Actions Timeline

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