

## HR 1966

Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Law:** 116-291 (Enacted Jan 5, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1966>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]

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

**Cosponsors** (78 total)

| Cosponsor                                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]    | D · MD        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]             | D · MD        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]            | D · NC        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]                | D · MO        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]              | D · MO        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]             | D · SC        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]             | D · OH        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
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| Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] | D · GA        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]               | D · IL        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]        | D · NJ        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]           | D · LA        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]                | D · IL        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]      | D · VA        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]           | D · MS        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]         | D · FL        |      | Jun 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]               | D · CA        |      | Jul 10, 2019 |
| Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]                | D · FL        |      | Jul 10, 2019 |
| Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]              | D · NV        |      | Jul 10, 2019 |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]                  | D · FL        |      | Jul 10, 2019 |
| Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]  | D · DE        |      | Jul 16, 2019 |
| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]         | D · IL        |      | Jul 23, 2019 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]                  | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]             | D · OR        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]              | D · TX        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]              | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]             | D · WA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]          | D · FL        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]                 | D · PA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]                | D · AZ        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]            | D · TX        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]           | D · FL        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]               | D · NY        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]       | D · MA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]                   | D · MI        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]                  | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]            | R · WV        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]             | R · OK        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |

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| Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]           | D · AZ        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]           | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]   | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]         | D · PA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]          | D · AL        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7] | D · VA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]           | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]         | D · NY        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]               | R · TX        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]        | D · IL        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]             | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]            | R · PA        |      | Oct 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]               | D · WI        |      | Oct 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]             | D · NH        |      | Oct 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]        | D · CA        |      | Oct 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]           | D · MD        |      | Oct 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]          | D · IA        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |
| Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]          | D · VA        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |
| Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]         | D · MA        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |
| Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]       | D · MN        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |
| Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]            | D · CA        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |
| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]     | R · PA        |      | Nov 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]          | D · NJ        |      | Nov 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]         | D · AZ        |      | Nov 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]      | D · IL        |      | Nov 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]            | D · NH        |      | Nov 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10] | D · IL        |      | Nov 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]            | R · IL        |      | Nov 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]        | R · OH        |      | Nov 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]               | R · OK        |      | Nov 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]        | R · MI        |      | Nov 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]       | D · NY        |      | Nov 16, 2020 |
| Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]      | D · FL        |      | Nov 20, 2020 |
| Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]          | D · NJ        |      | Nov 20, 2020 |
| Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]               | D · NY        |      | Nov 24, 2020 |
| Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]                 | D · NJ        |      | Dec 7, 2020  |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]              | D · TN        |      | Dec 9, 2020  |

Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|--|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Armed Services Committee                         | House   | Referred to     | Mar 29, 2019 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee                    | House   | Referred to     | Mar 29, 2019 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Dec 19, 2020 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee                      | House   | Referred To     | Mar 28, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 116 HR 6637 | Related bill   | <b>Jul 9, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.                         |
| 116 S 946   | Identical bill | <b>Mar 28, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of Jan 5, 2021)

Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act of 2019

This bill requires the Government Accountability Office to complete a study reviewing how federal agencies address barriers to participation in federally-funded cancer clinical trials by individuals from underrepresented populations and provide recommendations for addressing such barriers.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 5, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-291.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7086-7088)
- **Dec 9, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1966.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7086)
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 2, 2020:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Mfume asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1966, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cummings, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.