

## 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

**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
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 19, 2019
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.
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- **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.