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### Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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## Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]

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

**Cosponsors** (40 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 25, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 17, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 24, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 25, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3463	Related bill	Jun 25, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## Summary (as of Jun 25, 2019)

### Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act of 2019

This bill prohibits strikes by certain individuals and requires the issuance of rules that provide for federal minimum standard collective bargaining rights and procedures.

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) shall determine for each state whether the laws of such state substantially provide for each of the minimum standard collective bargaining rights and procedures specified by this bill, including the right of public employees and supervisory employees to self-organize, form or join a labor organization, or collectively bargain.

The FLRA must issue rules and take actions to establish and administer bargaining rights and procedures for those states that do not substantially provide for them.

No employers, emergency services employees, or law enforcement officers may engage in a lockout, strike, or any other organized job action that would probably result in a measurable disruption of the delivery of emergency or public safety services. Furthermore, no labor organization may be the cause of a violation of such prohibition.

## Actions Timeline

- Jun 25, 2019: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.