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### Small Businesses Partnering with National Labs Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jun 27, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]           | R · CO        |      | Jun 27, 2019 |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]         | R · ID        |      | Jun 27, 2019 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]             | D · MN        |      | Jun 27, 2019 |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV        |      | Feb 4, 2020  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 27, 2019 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 HR 3574 | Related bill | <b>Jun 27, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. |

### **Small Businesses Partnering with National Labs Act of 2019**

This bill directs the Department of Energy to establish a program to provide qualified small business concerns with vouchers that may be used at National Laboratories and single-purpose research facilities for activities such as research and development.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Department of the Treasury to locate and recover unclaimed U.S. government assets on behalf of any agency and to retain a portion thereof to cover administrative and operational costs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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