

## S 2061

### Veteran Housing Opportunities and Unemployment Support Extension Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

**Introduced:** Jul 9, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Jul 9, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2061>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

## Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] | D · CT        |      | Jul 9, 2019  |
| Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]         | R · IN        |      | Jul 9, 2019  |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]    | D · MI        |      | Jul 31, 2019 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT        |      | Sep 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]       | D · OR        |      | Sep 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]   | D · CA        |      | Feb 24, 2020 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME        |      | Aug 3, 2020  |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|---|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 9, 2019 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 HR 2398 | Related bill | Jan 14, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. |

## **Veteran Housing Opportunities and Unemployment Support Extension Act of 2019**

This bill expands eligibility for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Veterans Affairs-Supported Housing (VASH) rental voucher assistance to homeless veterans honorably discharged or released from active military, naval, or air service regardless of length of service. According to federal regulations, HUD was granted authority in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 to waive or provide an alternative for the current requirement that HUD-VASH assistance be targeted to homeless veterans who have chronic mental illnesses or chronic substance-use disorders.

### **Actions Timeline**

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