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IDEA Act

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Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: HI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 25, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 16, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4075	Identical bill	Aug 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2019)

Inventor Diversity for Economic Advancement Act of 2019 or the IDEA Act

This bill directs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to collect demographic information about each inventor listed on a patent application. Inventors shall not be required to provide the requested information, which shall include gender, ethnicity, national origin, sexual identity, veterans status, disability, and education and income levels. Such information shall be (1) kept confidential and separate from each patent application, and (2) periodically made public as aggregated data without personally identifying information.

## Actions Timeline

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