

# S 2961

Data Care Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Dec 2, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Dec 2, 2019)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

## Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 3, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 2, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Dec 2, 2019)

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### Data Care Act of 2019

This bill imposes various duties on online service providers with respect to their handling of individual-identifying data that can be reasonably linked to a specific user. Specifically, online service providers have a duty to (1) reasonably secure such data from unauthorized access, (2) refrain from using such data in a way that will result in reasonably foreseeable harm to the end user, and (3) not disclose such data to another party unless that party is also bound by the duties established in this bill. The bill authorizes the Federal Trade Commission and specified state officials to take enforcement actions with respect to breaches of such duties.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 2, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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