

S 3159

No War Against Iran Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

Party: Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

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Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 8, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2500	Related bill	Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.
116 HR 550	Related bill	Jan 30, 2020: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate amendment.
116 HR 5543	Related bill	Jan 7, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2020)

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This bill prohibits the obligation or expenditure of federal funds for any use of military force in or against Iran unless Congress has either declared war or enacted specific statutory authorization for such use.

An exception is made for a presidential exercise of power to introduce Armed Forces into hostilities (or situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated) when there is a national emergency created by an attack upon the United States.

The bill further states that no prior authorizations of military force (e.g., against Iraq) may be construed to authorize the use of military force against Iran.

Actions Timeline

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