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MONARCH Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 13, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 13, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5920	Identical bill	**Mar 5, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2020)

Monarch Action, Recovery, and Conservation of Habitat Act of 2020 or the MONARCH Act of 2020

This bill provides support for the conservation of western monarch butterflies (the monarch butterfly population that overwinters along the coast of California and breeds across California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Utah).

Specifically, the bill establishes the Western Monarch Butterfly Rescue Fund. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) must use amounts in the fund to provide grants for the conservation of such butterflies.

In addition, USDA must transfer amounts from the fund to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to implement the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan, which was prepared by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Actions Timeline

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