

S 3570

A bill to provide for the expedited procurement of equipment needed to combat COVID-19 under the Defense Production Act of 1950.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 23, 2020
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 23, 2020
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2020
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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 23, 2020
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 23, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 23, 2020)

This bill directs certain actions to procure equipment necessary to prevent, identify, and mitigate cases of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

The National Response Coordination Center of the Federal Emergency Management Agency must, within seven days, submit a report to Congress and the President that (1) assesses the need for equipment, including personal protective equipment and ventilators, across the United States; and (2) identifies the industry sectors and manufacturers capable of fulfilling purchase orders for such equipment, as well as government-owned and privately owned stockpiles of such equipment that could be refurbished.

Within 24 hours, the President must issue a purchase order with the highest priority rating under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) for a specified number of N-95 respirators and face masks. (DPAS is used to prioritize national defense-related contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders.) Within seven days of receiving the center's report, the President must also issue priority purchase orders for the equipment identified in the report under authorities provided by the Defense Production Act of 1950. (That act confers upon the President a broad set of authorities to influence domestic industry in order to provide essential materials and goods for the national defense.) The bill waives certain requirements under the act related to congressional notification and authorization and makes specified funds available for these efforts.

Actions Timeline

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