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### Census IDEA Act

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (22 total)

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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 6, 2019
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Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 1, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 8, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 10, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 6, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 732	Related bill	Jan 23, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

## Summary (as of Feb 6, 2019)

### Census Improving Data and Enhanced Accuracy Act or the Census IDEA Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Commerce, in the 2020 decennial census of population and each decennial census thereafter, from (1) implementing any major operational design element that has not been researched, studied, and tested for a period of at least three years before the decennial census date; or (2) including on the questionnaire for the census any subject, type of information, or question that was not submitted to Congress.

The Government Accountability Office shall determine and report to Congress on whether the subjects, types of information, and questions to be included in that decennial census have been adequately researched, studied, and tested to the same degree as in previous decennial censuses.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.