

S 3718

Local News and Emergency Information Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 13, 2020
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 13, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 13, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 13, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Aug 3, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Aug 10, 2020
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Aug 10, 2020
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Aug 13, 2020
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 14, 2020
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 16, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6897	Identical bill	May 15, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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This bill expands the Paycheck Protection Program, established to support small businesses in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to include certain newspaper publishers, radio stations, and television broadcasters.

Specifically, such a media purveyor is eligible to receive a paycheck protection loan if (1) the individual physical location that applies for the loan does not exceed Small Business Administration size standards (up to 1,000 employees for newspaper publishers and \$41.5 million in gross receipts for radio and television broadcasters); and (2) the proceeds of the loan are used to support the continued provision of local news, information, content, or emergency information. Such a recipient may not remit any portion of a paycheck protection loan to any entity other than the individual physical location that is the loan's intended recipient.

Actions Timeline

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