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### Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 7, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/386>

## Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (35 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 26, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 28, 2019
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 28, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 7, 2019
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		May 9, 2019
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 13, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 14, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 26, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 31, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1044	Related bill	<b>Dec 3, 2020:</b> Message on Senate action sent to the House.
116 HR 5327	Related bill	<b>Jan 30, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2603	Related bill	<b>Oct 16, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S5843-5845)
116 S 328	Related bill	<b>Feb 4, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Feb 7, 2019)

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#### Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019

This bill increases the per-country cap on family-based immigrant visas from 7% of the total number of such visas available that year to 15%, and eliminates the 7% cap for employment-based immigrant visas. It also removes an offset that reduced the number of visas for individuals from China.

The bill also establishes transition rules for employment-based visas from FY2020-FY2022, by reserving a percentage of EB-2 (workers with advanced degrees or exceptional ability) and EB-3 (skilled and other workers) visas for individuals not from the two countries with the largest number of recipients of such visas. Of the unreserved visas, not more than 85% shall be allotted to immigrants from any single country.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 7, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.