

S 3963

COVID-19 Whistleblower Protection Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 15, 2020
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Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 15, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2020
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 15, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 15, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 15, 2020
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Aug 3, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 3, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7227	Identical bill	Jun 15, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Jun 15, 2020)

COVID-19 Whistleblower Protection Act

This bill establishes whistleblower protections for government contractors and private sector workers who may witness waste, fraud, or abuse or be victims of misconduct with respect to a COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic-related program, project, or activity. Specifically, employers may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against such protected individuals who disclose information concerning fraud, misuse, or other misconduct related to COVID-19 program funds. A protected individual may submit to the Department of Labor a complaint alleging a violation of these protections and Labor may adjudicate such complaints and award relief in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service whistleblower procedures.

Actions Timeline

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