

## S 4246

Protect Access to Birth Control Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (39 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 21, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7517	Identical bill	Jul 9, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## Summary (as of Jul 21, 2020)

### Protect Access to Birth Control Act

This bill nullifies interim final rules issued by the Department of Labor, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Health and Human Services that allow employers with religious or moral objections to be exempt from the requirement that their health insurance plans cover contraceptive services without cost-sharing.

## Actions Timeline

- Jul 21, 2020: Introduced in Senate
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