

## S 541

### Portable Benefits for Independent Workers Pilot Program Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 24, 2019
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 24, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4016	Identical bill	<b>Jul 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Portable Benefits for Independent Workers Pilot Program Act**

This bill requires the Department of Labor to award grants for FY2020, on a competitive basis, to states, local governments, or nonprofit organizations to support broad innovation and experimentation with respect to portable benefits.

Portable benefits are work-related benefits that are provided to workers who are not traditional full-time employees in a manner that allows the worker to maintain the benefits upon changing jobs.

The grants must be used for (1) the evaluation, or improvement to the design or implementation, of existing models or approaches for providing portable benefits; or (2) the design, implementation, and evaluation of new models or approaches for providing such benefits. The grants may not be used for a model or approach that provides only retirement-related benefits.

The Government Accountability Office must evaluate and report to Congress on the outcome of the grants awarded pursuant to this bill.

## **Actions Timeline**

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