

HR 6560

UNITE Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Apr 22, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2020
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 21, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2020
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Apr 21, 2020
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2020
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 12, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 27, 2020
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jun 1, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 24, 2020
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Dec 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 21, 2020
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 21, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3642	Related bill	May 7, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Undertaking National Initiatives to Tackle Epidemic Act of 2020 or the UNITE Act of 2020

This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency by increasing volunteer opportunities within AmeriCorps and employment opportunities at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and requiring the re-enrollment of Peace Corps volunteers whose service ended involuntarily on March 15, 2020, or earlier for volunteers who were serving in China and Mongolia.

Among other things, the bill

- reauthorizes through FY2022 Americorps programs;
- increases recruitment levels of its volunteers to 500,000 in FY2020-FY2022;
- sets the minimum compensation for Americorps volunteers, beginning in FY2020, at 200% of the poverty line applicable to a family of one; and
- requires FEMA to appoint, administer, and expedite the training of an additional 10,000 Cadre of On-Call Response/Recovery Employees above the level of such employees in FY2019 to address the COVID-19 emergency.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 22, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs, 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.