

## HR 6973

### PPE Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 22, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business. (May 22, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6973>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		May 22, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4818	Related bill	<b>Dec 10, 2020:</b> Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-519.
116 HR 6800	Related bill	<b>Jul 23, 2020:</b> Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.

### Summary (as of May 22, 2020)

#### Protecting Paychecks and Employees Act of 2020 or the PPE Act

This bill modifies allowable and forgivable uses of amounts received under the Paycheck Protection Program, established to support small businesses in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to encompass costs related to the provision of personal protective equipment or other equipment or supplies necessary to protect the health and safety of employees.

The bill also prohibits the Small Business Administration from limiting the non-payroll portion of a forgivable loan amount.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2020:** Introduced in House
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