

SJRES 81

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Dec 2, 2020

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 2, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 2, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 2, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 2, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 2, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HJRES 106	Identical bill	Dec 16, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HJRES 104	Identical bill	Dec 2, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HJRES 92	Related bill	Jun 29, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Dec 2, 2020)

This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude as a criminal punishment.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 2, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.