

## S 1218

### Green New Deal for Public Housing Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 19, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 19, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 19, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 21, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 23, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2664	Identical bill	<b>Apr 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
117 HR 659	Related bill	<b>Feb 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

## **Green New Deal for Public Housing Act**

This bill addresses energy efficiency and workforce development in the context of public housing.

Specifically, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must award grants to public housing agencies (PHAs) and other eligible entities under a variety of new programs, including programs for

- facilitating workforce development and high-income employment transition;
- conducting physical needs assessments and subsequent energy efficiency retrofits; and
- making upgrades, replacements, and improvements for energy efficiency, building electrification, and water quality upgrades.

Recipients of these grants must provide relocation assistance for residents who are displaced during construction and must ensure that they can return to their homes once retrofitting is completed.

A certain percentage of the employment positions generated by these grant programs and other specified federal grant programs must be filled by low-income individuals, and a specified percentage of certain contracts associated with these programs must be awarded to businesses owned by residents of public housing.

The bill also repeals a provision that prohibits a PHA from using HUD funds to construct or operate new public housing units if doing so would result in the PHA owning or operating more units than it did on October 1, 1999.

## **Actions Timeline**

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