

## S 1701

### Census IDEA Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

### Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 19, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 19, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 19, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 19, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 19, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 19, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 19, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 19, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 19, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 19, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 19, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 19, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 19, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 19, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 19, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 19, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 19, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 19, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 19, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 27, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of May 19, 2021)

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#### **Census Improving Data and Enhanced Accuracy Act or the Census IDEA Act**

This bill prohibits the Department of Commerce, in the 2030 decennial census of population and each decennial census thereafter, from (1) implementing any major operational design element that has not been researched, studied, and tested for a period of at least three years before the decennial census date; or (2) including on the questionnaire for the census any subject, type of information, or question that was not submitted to Congress.

The Government Accountability Office shall determine and report to Congress on whether the subjects, types of information, and questions to be included in that decennial census have been adequately researched, studied, and tested to the same degree as in previous decennial censuses.

### Actions Timeline

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