

## S 1820

Choice in Affordable Housing Act of 2021

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 25, 2021
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 23, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 23, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 23, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 23, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 24, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Choice in Affordable Housing Act of 2021**

This bill establishes programs and grants to incentivize landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program (i.e., Section 8 tenant-based housing assistance).

The bill authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide one-time incentive payments to landlords, security deposit payments, bonuses to public housing agencies that employ landlord liaisons, and amounts for other recruitment purposes.

The bill also reauthorizes through FY2026 the Tribal Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

Additionally, the bill allows dwelling units to meet Housing Choice Voucher program inspection requirements by satisfactory inspection through participation in other housing programs.

Landlords not yet participating in a low-income housing assistance program may request inspection by a public housing agency to determine whether the dwelling meets requirements prior to selection by a tenant.

Finally, HUD must expand the use of an alternative method of calculating fair market rent for purposes of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 24, 2021:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
- **May 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.