

## S 1849

Leadership in Global Tech Standards Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4956	Related bill	<b>Aug 6, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

## **Leadership in Global Tech Standards Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a program that supports the participation of U.S. small businesses in meetings and proceedings of standards development organizations to develop voluntary technical standards.

To carry out this program, the SBA must award grants to small businesses for the reasonable costs of participation in standards development organizations.

These grants may only be awarded to small businesses that (1) demonstrate technical expertise in key emerging technologies and technical standards (e.g., artificial intelligence), (2) commit personnel with such expertise to regular participation in international bodies responsible for developing standards for those technologies, and (3) agree to coordinate between the public and private sectors to ensure protection of national security interests in the setting of international standards.

## **Actions Timeline**

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