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COVID–19 Whistleblower Protection Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Feb 4, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 846	Identical bill	Feb 4, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2021)

COVID-19 Whistleblower Protection Act

This bill establishes whistleblower protections for government contractors and private sector workers who may witness waste, fraud, or abuse or be victims of misconduct with respect to a COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic-related program, project, or activity. Specifically, employers may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against such protected individuals who disclose information concerning fraud, misuse, or other misconduct related to COVID-19 program funds. A protected individual may submit to the Department of Labor a complaint alleging a violation of these protections and Labor may adjudicate such complaints and award relief in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service whistleblower procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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