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DISCLOSE Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

Cosponsors (49 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 25, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 5, 2022
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 5, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 19, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4822	Related bill	Sep 22, 2022: Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 49. Record Vote Number: 346. (CR S4949-4950)
117 S 2093	Related bill	Sep 15, 2021: Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (CR S6516-6517)
117 S 1	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.
117 S 2671	Related bill	Aug 7, 2021: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 120.
117 HR 1279	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1334	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Received in the Senate.
117 HR 1516	Related bill	Mar 2, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1171	Related bill	Feb 18, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections Act of 2021 or the DISCLOSE Act of 2021

This bill addresses campaign finance, including by expanding the prohibition on campaign spending by foreign nationals, requiring additional disclosures of campaign expenditures, and requiring additional disclosures regarding certain political advertisements.

First, the bill prohibits foreign nationals from participating in the decision-making process regarding an election expenditure.

Additionally, the bill expands existing foreign money prohibitions to include disbursements for paid web-based or digital communications and federal judicial nomination communications. It also prohibits foreign nationals from contributing to campaigns related to ballot initiatives and referenda.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) must conduct an audit after each federal election cycle to determine the incidence of illicit foreign money.

Next, the bill makes it unlawful to establish or use a corporation, company, or other entity with the intent to conceal an election contribution or donation by a foreign national. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

Covered organizations (e.g., corporations, labor organizations, and political organizations) must, within 24 hours, file reports with the FEC to disclose campaign expenditures of more than \$10,000 during an election cycle.

Finally, the bill requires organizations to provide additional disclosures regarding political advertisements, including the donors who contributed the most money to that organization in the last year.

Actions Timeline

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