

HR 4851

Protecting Our Widows and Widowers in Retirement (POWR) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security. (Jul 29, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Aug 24, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4921	Related bill	Aug 3, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
117 HR 3915	Related bill	Jun 15, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

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Actions Timeline

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