

## S 53

Raise the Wage Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/53>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (37 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]         | D · WI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]     | D · CO        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]        | D · NJ        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]        | D · WA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]    | D · MD        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]  | D · PA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]       | D · IL        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]     | D · IL        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]      | D · CA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]       | D · NM        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]       | D · HI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]             | D · VA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
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| Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]         | D · NM        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]          | D · OR        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]          | D · WA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]            | D · GA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]          | D · CA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]        | D · MI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]             | D · RI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]           | D · NV        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]          | D · HI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]    | D · NY        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]       | D · MI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]      | D · MD        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]        | D · VA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]    | D · GA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]    | D · RI        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]             | D · OR        |      | Jan 26, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 26, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 117 HR 1319 | Related bill   | <b>Mar 11, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-2.                            |
| 117 HR 603  | Identical bill | <b>Jan 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 117 HR 325  | Related bill   | <b>Jan 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |

### Summary (as of Jan 26, 2021)

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#### Raise the Wage Act of 2021

This bill increases the federal minimum wage for regular employees over a 5-year period, for tipped employees, and for newly hired employees who are less than 20 years old.

The bill sets forth a schedule of annual increases in the federal minimum wage for individuals with disabilities. The Department of Labor shall no longer issue special certificates for the payment of subminimum wages to such individuals after the final wage increase under this bill for such individuals takes effect.

Labor shall provide, upon request, technical assistance and information to employers to (1) help them transition their practices to comply with wage increases and other requirements under this bill for individuals with disabilities, and (2) ensure continuing employment opportunities for such individuals.

The bill eliminates the separate minimum wage requirements for tipped, newly hired, and disabled employees. After a specified period, these employees shall be paid the same minimum wage as regular employees.

Labor must publish any increase in the minimum wage in the Federal Register and on its website 60 days before it takes effect.

### Actions Timeline

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