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Raise the Wage Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (37 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 26, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 26, 2021
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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 26, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 26, 2021
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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
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 26, 2021
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
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

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

Summary (as of Jan 26, 2021)

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

- **Jan 26, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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