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IDEA Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Mar 9, 2021

Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute if

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. (Apr 29, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 9, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 9, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 9, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Apr 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1723	Identical bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Inventor Diversity for Economic Advancement Act of 2021 or the IDEA Act

This bill requires the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to request demographic information from the inventor on each patent application submitted to the USPTO.

Inventors shall not be required to provide the requested information, which shall include gender, race, and military or veteran status.

The USPTO shall (1) publish an annual public report about the collected data, including the collected data broken down by the types of technology covered by the patent applications; and (2) make the underlying data publicly available.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1425-1426)