

S 769

Housing Fairness Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

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Current Status: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held. (Apr 13, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 20, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 4, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Housing Fairness Act of 2021

This bill reauthorizes through FY2032 the Fair Housing Initiatives Program and revises program reporting requirements and organization eligibility requirements. The bill also allows the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to enter into agreements with certain organizations to test and investigate differential treatment and discriminatory housing practices based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, and familial status. The results of these tests and investigations may be used as the basis for an enforcement action under specified fair housing laws.

Additionally, HUD must establish a grant program for public and private nonprofit organizations to study housing discrimination and implement pilot projects to test solutions.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 13, 2021:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.