

S 1856

Leveling the Playing Field 2.0 Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 10, 2024
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 10, 2024
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 7, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3882	Identical bill	<b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

### Summary (as of Jun 7, 2023)

#### Leveling the Playing Field 2.0 Act

This bill addresses unfair trade practices by making various changes to U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty law. Antidumping provides relief to U.S industries and workers that are materially injured or threatened with injury due to imports of like products sold in the U.S. market at less than fair value, while countervailing duty provides such relief from imports of products subsidized by a foreign government or public entity.

Specifically, the bill establishes a process for successive antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. Successive investigations may be concurrent (an ongoing investigation of the same product) or recently completed (not more than two years before the date of the initiation of the successive investigation). Further, the bill establishes a time line for the Department of Commerce to issue determinations in successive investigations.

Among other provisions, the bill authorizes Commerce to

- apply countervailing duty law to subsidies provided by a foreign government or public entity to a company operating in a third country,
- use another method for calculating the cost of production in specific circumstances, and
- require importers to provide a certification that the imported merchandise is not subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty order.

Additionally, the bill statutorily establishes procedures for Commerce to conduct circumvention inquiries, including by specifying the deadlines for preliminary and final determinations.

The bill also provides statutory authority for Commerce to investigate currency undervaluation as a countervailable subsidy.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 7, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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