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DISCLOSE Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

Cosponsors (51 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 16, 2023
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Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Feb 16, 2023

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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 18, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 11	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 S 1	Related bill	Jul 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 2344	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 1118	Identical bill	Jul 11, 2023: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Pappas asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1118, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cicilline, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
118 HR 988	Related bill	Feb 14, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections Act of 2023 or the DISCLOSE Act of 2023

This bill addresses campaign finance, including by expanding the prohibition on campaign spending by foreign nationals, requiring additional disclosures of campaign expenditures, and requiring additional disclosures regarding certain political advertisements.

Specifically, the bill expands existing foreign money prohibitions to include disbursements for paid web-based or digital communications and federal judicial nomination communications. It also prohibits foreign nationals from contributing to campaigns related to ballot initiatives and referenda.

The Government Accountability Office must, for each four-year election cycle, study and report on the incidence of illicit foreign money in federal elections.

Next, the bill makes it unlawful to establish or use a corporation, company, or other entity with the intent to conceal an election contribution or donation by a foreign national. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

Covered organizations (e.g., corporations, labor organizations, and political organizations) must, within 24 hours, file reports with the Federal Election Commission to disclose campaign expenditures of more than \$10,000 during an election cycle.

The bill also requires organizations to provide additional disclosures regarding political advertisements, including the donors who contributed the most money to that organization in the last year.

Actions Timeline

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