

## S 597

Social Security Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 1, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

**Cosponsors** (62 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 8, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 8, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 21, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 28, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 18, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 1, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 11, 2023

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 11, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 11, 2023
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 5, 2023
Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Sep 27, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 31, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 31, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Nov 8, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2024
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 26, 2024
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2024
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 8, 2024
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		May 21, 2024
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 3, 2024
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2024
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 4, 2024
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 11, 2024
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 11, 2024
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 11, 2024
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 31, 2024
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Aug 1, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 82	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2025:</b> Became Public Law No: 118-273.
118 HR 4583	Related bill	<b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 S 2280	Related bill	<b>Jul 12, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Social Security Fairness Act**

This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government.

The bill eliminates the *government pension offset*, which in various instances reduces Social Security benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own.

The bill also eliminates the *windfall elimination provision*, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes.

These changes are effective for benefits payable after December 2023.

## **Actions Timeline**

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