

S 1473

Stop Stealing our Chips Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

Introduced: Apr 10, 2025

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (May 21, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 10, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 20, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 6322	Related bill	Apr 22, 2026: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 43 - 1.

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This bill creates a whistleblower incentive program and establishes whistleblower protections for individuals who provide information to the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) related to violations of U.S. export control laws.

Currently, BIS administers and enforces controls on the export of dual-use goods (e.g., items with both civilian and military uses) and certain military parts and components. These export controls are implemented primarily under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (ECRA) through the Export Administration Regulations.

Under the bill, BIS must establish a whistleblower incentive program to reward individuals who voluntarily report original information that results in BIS imposing fines under ECRA on persons that violate, attempt to violate, conspire to violate, or cause a violation of ECRA or any related regulation, order, license, or authorization.

Additionally, BIS must establish a secure online portal for whistleblowers to report violations of ECRA. The bill outlines requirements for BIS to review, investigate, and provide status updates related to these reports.

The bill authorizes BIS to pay an award to any whistleblower who voluntarily reported original information that led to the imposition of a fine under ECRA. The bill establishes the Export Compliance Accountability Fund for paying these awards and funding related activities.

The bill also sets forth whistleblower protections by (1) prohibiting retaliation against individuals who act as whistleblowers, and (2) establishing confidentiality requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2026:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 21, 2026:** Received in the House.
- **May 21, 2026:** Held at the desk.
- **May 20, 2026:** Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 20, 2026:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2424-2426)
- **May 20, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 20, 2026:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2424-2426)
- **May 20, 2026:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **May 20, 2026:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 10, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 10, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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