

S 4597

A bill to direct the Secretary of Education, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to establish, expand, or support career and technical education programs of study in early childhood education.

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Chamber: Senate

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 20, 2026)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 20, 2026
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 20, 2026
Sen. Luján, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		May 20, 2026
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 20, 2026
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 20, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

No subjects or policy tags are listed for this bill.

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary

No summary is currently available for this bill.

Actions Timeline

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