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Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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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. (Feb 6, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 6, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2001
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 19, 2001
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 20, 2001
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 29, 2001
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2001
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 5, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 6, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2001)

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 2001 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended by the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, and the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, to require certain group health plans, and health insurance issuers providing coverage under a group plan, to ensure specified minimum coverage regarding: (1) breast cancer mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissections; and (2) secondary consultations by specialists. Prohibits: (1) changing coverage terms and conditions based on a participant's or beneficiary's decision to request less than the minimum coverage; and (2) certain penalties or incentives to providers or specialists. Amends: (1) the Public Health Service Act to apply the same requirements to health insurance issuers in the individual market; and (2) the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, to apply those requirements to group health plans.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 6, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1077-1078)
- **Feb 6, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.