

S 1730

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Oct 14, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13794-13795)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13794-13795) (Nov 3, 2003)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1730>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 14, 2003
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 14, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 14, 2003
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 17, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 17, 2003
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 4, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 29, 2004
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 2, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 14, 2003)

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 2003 - 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

- **Nov 3, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13794-13795)
- **Oct 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 14, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12546)
- **Oct 14, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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