

S 2063

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 10, 2004
Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 10, 2004
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 10, 2004
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 10, 2004
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 23, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 23, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3812	Related bill	Apr 13, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) carry out a demonstration project to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing for priorities in scheduling appointments for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with the Department's Waiting Time for Appointments goals (30-30-20) of 2000 and the provisions of the Veterans Health Administration directives entitled Priority for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care (VHA Directive 2002-059) and Priority Scheduling for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care for Service Connected Veterans (VHA Directive 2003-062); (2) select three Veterans Integrated Service Networks for the project and ensure that the project is carried out in urban, rural, and highly rural areas; (3) schedule each appointment under the project at a Department facility unless the cost is unreasonable or medical or other reasons necessitate an appointment at a non-Department facility.

Requires the Secretary to report to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs in the Senate and the House of Representatives annually on waiting times of veterans for Department health care appointments.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2004:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Feb 10, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 10, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S807-808)
- **Feb 10, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S808)