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Promoting Health Care Purchasing Cooperatives Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2003

**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. (Jan 7, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/39>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 7, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Promoting Health Care Purchasing Cooperatives Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to award grants for the development of health care purchasing cooperatives by two or more employers. Includes employers who self-insure as well as those with fewer than 100 employees who purchase insurance.

Permits the use of funds for professional staff support and the conduct of a feasibility study.

Requires the Secretary to determine a group's eligibility for a grant to establish or expand a cooperative based upon the report of the feasibility study. Requires cooperatives to: (1) be nonprofit; (2) be wholly owned and governed by its member-employees; (3) assist members in pooling their health care insurance purchasing power; and (4) provide data and activities to improve the quality of health care decision-making.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S44-45)
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.