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Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5734-5735)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 5, 2003)

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2003 - Amends part D (Miscellaneous) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) require each participating hospital to adopt and implement a staffing system that ensures a number of registered nurses on each shift and in each unit of the hospital to ensure appropriate staffing levels for patient care; (2) provide for the reporting and release to the public of certain staffing information, including a daily posting for each shift in the hospital of the current number of licensed and unlicensed nursing staff directly responsible for patient care in each unit of the hospital; (3) set forth recordkeeping, data collection, and evaluation requirements for participating hospitals; (4) provide for enforcement of this Act through civil monetary penalties; and (5) provide whistleblower protections.

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 5, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5734)
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