

S 1537

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (May 11, 2006)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 9, 2006
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		May 9, 2006
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Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Jun 8, 2006
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 12, 2006
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 11, 2006
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 12, 2006
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 27, 2006
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 5, 2006
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 7, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 11, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate, establish, and operate at selected Department of Veterans Affairs health-care facilities: (1) at least six centers for Parkinson's disease research, education, and clinical activities; and (2) at least two Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

Requires the Under Secretary for Health to: (1) assure appropriate geographical distribution of such facilities; and (2) establish a panel to assess the scientific and clinical merit of proposals submitted by a facility for the establishment of such a center.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2006:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9297-9298)
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9298)