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Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4173)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4173) (May 9, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]
Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 17, 2005
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 3, 2005
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 14, 2005
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 7, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 18, 2005
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Nov 2, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 21, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 525	Related bill	Jul 27, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 16, 2005)

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs), which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations, and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements. (Thus, through ERISA preemption of State laws, certified AHPs are exempted from State regulation of health insurance providers, including State consumer protection laws and State requirements for health care benefits to be offered by such entities, with certain exceptions.)

Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4173)
- **Apr 21, 2005:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-120.
- **Feb 16, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1541-1542)
- **Feb 16, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1542-1549)