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### HR 5288

Small Business Health Plans Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House Policy Area: Health Introduced: May 4, 2006

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3487-3488)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3487-3488) (Jun 7, 2006)

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#### **Sponsor**

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Party: Democratic • State: ME • Chamber: House

# Cosponsors (26 total)

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Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI	May 4, 2006
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Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA	May 4, 2006
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Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	$D \cdot IA$	Jun 8, 2006
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Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	$D \cdot LA$	Jun 29, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	$D \cdot TX$	Jun 29, 2006
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	$D \cdot MN$	Jun 29, 2006
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	$D \cdot CA$	Jun 29, 2006
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	$D \cdot NC$	Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	$D \cdot FL$	Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	$D \cdot AR$	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	$D\cdotMO$	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	$D\cdotMA$	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	$D \cdot CT$	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	$D \cdot TX$	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	$D\cdotMD$	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA	Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA	Sep 29, 2006

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 24, 2006

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

Policy Area:

Health

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Small Business Health Plans Act of 2006 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a small business health benefits program (SBHBP) under which small businesses may offer health insurance coverage to employees and their dependents. Outlines program elements and coverage requirements.

Requires the Secretary to establish a program of premium assistance for small employers under the SBHBP. Allows for reinsurance for catastrophic costs for certain health insurance issuers.

Defines a "small employer" for SBHBP purposes as an employer with 50 or fewer employees.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Labor to provide for the establishment of a national health pooling arrangement for eligible small employers under the SBHBP.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jun 7, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3487-3488)
- May 24, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- May 4, 2006: Introduced in House
- May 4, 2006: Introduced in House
- May 4, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.