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Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2005

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: HI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 10, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2005)

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2005 - 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 public reporting 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; (3) prescribe recordkeeping, data collection, and evaluation requirements for participating hospitals; (4) specify civil monetary penalties for violations of such requirements; and (5) provide whistleblower protections.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 9, 2005:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S247)
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S247-248)