

S 716

Vet Center Enhancement Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Apr 6, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 19, 2006)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 6, 2005
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Apr 6, 2005
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 13, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 14, 2005
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 15, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 17, 2005
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 19, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5221	Related bill	May 4, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

Vet Center Enhancement Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to employ up to 50 veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom to provide outreach to veterans on the availability of readjustment counseling and related mental health services at vet centers operated through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Revises provisions concerning the provision of bereavement counseling to the family of members of the Armed Forces who die while serving on active military duty to: (1) include the parents of such members within such authority; and (2) allow such counseling to be provided through vet centers.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2006 for the provision of readjustment counseling and related mental health services through vet centers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 19, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 22, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S14410-14411; text as passed Senate: CR S14410-14411)
- **Dec 22, 2005:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S14410-14411; text as passed Senate: CR S14410-14411)
- **Dec 22, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 22, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig without amendment. With written report No. 109-180.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 290.
- **Sep 15, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-217.
- **Apr 6, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3282-3283)
- **Apr 6, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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