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A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Aug 3, 2007
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 24, 2007
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Oct 23, 2007
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Jan 28, 2008
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 27, 2008
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 4, 2008
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Mar 5, 2008
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Mar 11, 2008
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 6, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 12, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2818	Related bill	Jun 25, 2008: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 837.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate, establish, and operate at least six Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health-care facilities as locations for epilepsy centers of excellence. Requires the Under Secretary for Health of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to establish a peer review panel to assess the scientific and clinical merit of proposals for the designation of such centers. Prohibits the Secretary from designating a VA facility as a center of excellence unless the peer review panel has determined that the proposal submitted by such facility is among those that meet the highest competitive standards of scientific and clinical merit.

Requires the Secretary to designate a VHA national coordinator for epilepsy programs to: (1) supervise the operation of the centers; (2) coordinate and support throughout the VA health-care system better access to diagnosis, research, care, and education for epilepsy and traumatic brain injury; and (3) conduct regular evaluations of the centers.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2007:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka without amendment. With written report No. 110-247.
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 540.
- **Nov 14, 2007:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-328.
- **Aug 3, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 3, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.