

S 2160

Veterans Pain Care Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/2160>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 15, 2007
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 23, 2007
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 25, 2007
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Dec 3, 2007
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Apr 24, 2008
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 6, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 28, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Veterans Pain Care Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out at each Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facility an initiative on pain care which shall include, for each individual receiving treatment at such facility: (1) an assessment for pain at the time of admission or initial treatment, and periodic assessments thereafter; and (2) appropriate pain care including, when necessary, access to specialty pain management services.

Directs the Secretary to carry out within the Medical and Prosthetic Research Service of the Veterans Health Administration a program of research and training on acute and chronic pain. Requires the Secretary, under such program, to designate cooperative centers for research and education on pain, with at least one center as a lead center for research on pain attributable to central and peripheral nervous system damage commonly associated with battlefield injuries characteristic of modern warfare.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 28, 2008:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka without amendment. With written report No. 110-267.
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 586.
- **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.
- **Oct 15, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 15, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12870-12871)
- **Oct 15, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12871-21872)