

## S 2708

Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 5, 2008

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 5, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/2708>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]   | R · ME        |      | Apr 10, 2008 |
| Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]          | D · WI        |      | May 12, 2008 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]    | D · NJ        |      | May 15, 2008 |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]        | D · SD        |      | Jun 2, 2008  |
| Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]   | D · HI        |      | Jun 10, 2008 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]          | D · OR        |      | Jun 10, 2008 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]   | D · CA        |      | Jun 11, 2008 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Jul 28, 2008 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 5, 2008 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 110 HR 6337 | Identical bill | <b>Jun 20, 2008:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. |

Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) establish a Geriatric and Gerontology Loan Repayment Program to enter into contracts with physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, psychologists, and social workers trained in geriatrics or gerontology to pay educational loans in exchange for providing full-time clinical practice and service to older adults; and (2) establish the National Advisory Council on the Geriatric and Gerontology Loan Repayment Program.

Requires the Secretary to ensure that individuals eligible for the nurse loan repayment program include registered nurses who complete specialty training in geriatrics or gerontology and who elect to provide nursing services to older adults in home and long-term care settings.

Authorizes the Secretary to award nursing education grants and enter into contracts for programs that focus on specialty training in providing long-term care services for nursing personnel who provide services in home and long-term care settings.

Requires the Secretary to establish a Health and Long-Term Care Workforce Advisory Panel to conduct a research project to identify incentives for recruitment and retention of clinicians and providers who agree to serve vulnerable older adults in geriatric and long-term care settings.

### **Actions Timeline**

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