

HR 6766

CARE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]

Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 31, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 31, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 31, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3329	Related bill	Jul 24, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Compensation and Respect for Energy Workers Act of 2008 or the CARE Act - Amends the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to expand the diseases for which individuals who were exposed to radiation from nuclear testing may claim compensation to include chronic lymphocytic leukemia, posterior subcapsular cataracts, nonmalignant thyroid nodular disease, parathyroid adenoma, malignant tumors of the brain and central nervous system, and bronchio-alveolar carcinoma, and benign neoplasms of the brain and central nervous system.

Amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to: (1) provide to potential claimants of compensation a list of physicians qualified to perform medical and impairment screenings and a written notice of benefits for which they may be eligible under such Act; (2) require exposure assessments of contaminated sites to identify by trade name (if any) any chemical commonly used in such sites; (3) require the Secretary of Labor to provide the public with site profiles and other information used to evaluate claims for compensation; (4) require payment of compensation to a claimant's estate if such claimant dies after filing a claim but before any compensation is paid and leaves no survivors; (5) expand the duties of the Office of the Ombudsman in the Department of Labor to include providing benefit information to claimants and contracting for expert services; (6) extend to one year the limitation period for filing a petition for review in federal district court of any denial of a compensation claim; and (7) include within the definition of "member of the Special Exposure Cohort" certain Department of Energy (DOE) employees or contractors at the Rocky Flats site in Colorado. Allows claimants under the Act 120 days to respond to a request for information from the Secretary.

Requires the promulgation of regulations for: (1) the direct payment to providers of personal care services and transportation expenses for claimants who receive medical benefits under the Act; (2) providing clear, concise, and easily understandable explanations of the claims process, including denials of claims; and (3) the retention of records in the Departments of Energy and Labor that might be used by claimants in the claims process.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1657-1658)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.