

S 1244

Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 27, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 29, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Aug 7, 2009
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 14, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 22, 2010
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2819	Related bill	<b>Jun 12, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 - Amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include lactation (i.e., breastfeeding or the expressing of milk from the breast) as protected conduct under such Act.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow employers a business-related tax credit for 50% of their qualified breastfeeding promotion and support expenditures, up to \$10,000 for any taxable year. Defines "qualified breastfeeding promotion and support expenditures" as business expenses incurred for breast pumps and other equipment specially designed to assist mothers who are breastfeeding their children and for consultation services relating to breastfeeding. Expands the tax deduction for medical expenses to include expenses for breastfeeding equipment and consultation services.

Safe and Effective Breast Pumps Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to: (1) effect a performance standard for breast pumps without regard to their classification under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and (2) issue a compliance policy guide to provide women with information about breast pumps.

Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act to require employers with 50 or more employees to provide their breastfeeding employees with break time and private areas to express breast milk for their nursing children.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 11, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 11, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6551-6552)
- **Jun 11, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.