

## S 1257

### Border Health Security Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 22, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4031-4032) (Jun 22, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1257>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 22, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 13, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2298	Related bill	Oct 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

Border Health Security Act of 2011 - Amends the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act to revise the duties of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission to include serving as an independent and objective body to both recommend and implement initiatives that solve border health issues.

Authorizes a member of the Commission to provide advice or recommendations to Congress concerning issues that are considered by the Commission.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Commissioners, to award grants to eligible entities to improve the health of border residents.

Requires the Secretary to award grants under the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance project to eligible entities for infection disease surveillance activities in the border area.

Requires the Commission to: (1) prepare a binational strategic plan to guide the operations of the Commission, and (2) develop and approve an operational work plan and budget based on the strategic plan.

Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct an evaluation of Commission activities.

Requires the Secretary to enter into a contract with the Institute of Medicine for a study concerning binational health infrastructure (including trauma and emergency care) and health insurance efforts.

Authorizes the Secretary to coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) in establishing a health alert system that: (1) alerts clinicians and public health officials of emerging disease clusters and syndromes along the border area; and (2) is alerted to signs of health threats, disasters of mass scale, or bioterrorism along the border area.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 22, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4030-4031)
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4031-4032)