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Conrad State 30 Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Dec 12, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 24, 2012
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 1, 2012
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2012
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 16, 2012
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 21, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 22, 2012
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 29, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jul 30, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 12, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Conrad State 30 Improvement Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to make the J-1 visa waiver (Conrad state 30/medical services in underserved areas) program permanent.

Includes in the priority worker preference allocation for employment-based immigrants alien physicians who have completed service requirements of a state waiver or exemption, plus an additional two years at the waiver-identified location or in a health care shortage area (including alien physicians who completed such service prior to enactment of this Act).

Exempts H-1B nonimmigrant aliens seeking to enter the United States to pursue graduate medical education or training from specified entry limitations (including permitting extension of the six-year authorized period of admission under specified circumstances).

Increases the number of alien physicians that a state may be allocated from 30 to 35 per fiscal year under specified circumstances.

Permits an alien physician, after fulfilling a three-year service period with a health care employer, to apply for employment with a new health care employer in a health care shortage area.

### **Actions Timeline**

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