

## S 641

### Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 21, 2013
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 9, 2013
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Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Sep 9, 2013
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 12, 2013
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 12, 2013
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2013
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 29, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Nov 14, 2013
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 12, 2013
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 17, 2013
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 19, 2013
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 12, 2014
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 22, 2014
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2014
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 9, 2014
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 10, 2014
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 13, 2014
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 18, 2014
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 21, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1339	Identical bill	<b>Mar 22, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Mar 21, 2013)

Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants or contracts for the establishment or operation of Palliative Care and Hospice Education Centers.

Requires such Centers to: (1) improve the training of health professionals in palliative care for individuals with serious or life-threatening illnesses; (2) develop and disseminate related curricula; (3) support the training and retraining of faculty to provide instruction in palliative care; (4) support continuing education of health professionals who provide palliative care; (5) provide students with clinical training in palliative care in long-term care facilities, home care, hospices, chronic and acute disease hospitals, and ambulatory care centers; and (6) establish traineeships for individuals preparing for advanced education nursing degrees in palliative care.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to and enter into contracts with schools of medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, teaching hospitals, and graduate medical education programs to provide support for projects that fund the training of physicians who plan to teach palliative medicine.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish a program to provide Palliative Medicine and Hospice Academic Career Awards to eligible individuals; (2) award grants or contracts to entities that operate a Palliative Care and Hospice Education Center; (3) award incentive grants or contracts to advanced practice nurses, clinical social workers, pharmacists, chaplains, or students of psychology pursuing an advanced degree in palliative care or related fields; and (4) award grants to schools of nursing, health care facilities, or programs leading to certification as a certified nurse assistant to develop and implement programs and initiatives to train individuals in providing palliative care in health-related educational, hospice, home, or long-term care settings.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 21, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2149)
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.