

## S 1205

### National Nurse Act of 2015

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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 (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 6, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 15, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 7, 2016
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Apr 7, 2016
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 6, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 6, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 379	Identical bill	Jan 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **National Nurse Act of 2015**

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to designate the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health within the Office of the Surgeon General.

Includes among the duties of this position: (1) providing leadership and coordination of Public Health Service nursing professional affairs for the Office of the Surgeon General and other agencies of the Public Health Service, (2) conducting outreach and education, and (3) providing guidance and leadership for activities that will increase public safety and emergency preparedness.

Requires the National Nurse for Public Health to: (1) participate in identification of national health priorities, (2) encourage volunteerism of nurses and strengthen the relationship between government agencies and health-related national organizations, and (3) promote the dissemination of evidence-based practice in educating the public on health promotion and disease prevention activities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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