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Veteran Housing Stability Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 29, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 29, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 29, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 3, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 20, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide:

- intensive case management interventions for veterans enrolled in the VA's homeless registry and the annual patient enrollment system, and
- case management services to improve housing retention by veterans who were previously homeless and are transitioning to permanent housing and veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless.

The VA housing assistance program is expanded to include: (1) veterans and their families who are at risk of becoming homeless, and very low-income veteran families; and (2) assistance for acquiring and transitioning to, and maintaining occupancy in, permanent housing.

The VA shall:

- conduct outreach to realtors, landlords, property management companies, and developers to educate them about the housing needs of veterans and the benefits of having veterans as tenants; and
- establish and operate a National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans which shall carry out research into the causes of and contributing factors to veteran homelessness, assess the effectiveness of VA homeless veterans programs, and serve as a center for the exchange of information regarding activities carried out by the VA and by other federal and non-federal entities for veteran homelessness.

Each year the VA shall review each grant recipient and eligible entity that received a per diem payment for furnishing services to homeless veterans to evaluate its performance with respect to:

- the success of the grant recipient or eligible entity in assisting veterans to obtain, transition into, and retain permanent housing; and
- increasing the income of veterans by helping them obtain either employment or appropriate income-related benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2015:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-242.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6182-6183)