

## S 223

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 21, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 9, 2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 12, 2015
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 1, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 21, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2522	Identical bill	Jun 5, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a three-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of awarding grants to veterans service agencies, veterans service organizations, and nongovernmental tax-exempt organizations with experience assisting veterans or the homeless to provide veterans who are receiving specified VA homeless benefits with furniture, household items, and other assistance to facilitate their settlement into permanent housing.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) give grant priority to applicants who serve communities that have the greatest need of homeless services, and (2) inform veterans of their eligibility to receive benefits under the pilot program.

Caps the amount of each grant and the amount of each grant that a grantee may use to provide benefits to an individual veteran.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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