

S 2873

ECHO Act

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Apr 28, 2016

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 114-270.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 114-270. (Dec 14, 2016)

Law: 114-270 (Enacted Dec 14, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2873>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | Apr 28, 2016 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | May 24, 2016 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | May 25, 2016 |
| Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY] | R · WY | | May 26, 2016 |
| Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA] | R · LA | | May 26, 2016 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Jun 16, 2016 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jun 21, 2016 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Jun 22, 2016 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jun 23, 2016 |
| Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] | R · TX | | Sep 12, 2016 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] | D · MN | | Sep 13, 2016 |
| Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT] | R · MT | | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN] | R · TN | | Nov 28, 2016 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] | D · MT | | Nov 28, 2016 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA] | D · VA | | Nov 28, 2016 |
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK] | R · OK | | Nov 29, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|--|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Nov 29, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 114 HR 5395 | Identical bill | Jun 7, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. |

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on November 29, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes Act or the ECHO Act

(Sec. 3) This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to report on technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models, which connect specialists to primary care providers through videoconferencing to facilitate case-based learning, dissemination of best practices, and evaluation of outcomes.

The report must include: (1) an analysis of the use, integration, and impact of such models; (2) a list of such models recently funded by HHS; (3) recommendations to reduce barriers to adoption of such models; (4) opportunities for adoption of such models into HHS programs; and (5) recommendations regarding the role of such models in continuing medical education.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-270.
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7198-7199)
- **Dec 6, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2873.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7198)
- **Dec 6, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7198)
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6525-6526)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 97 - 0. Record Vote Number: 154.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 97 - 0. Record Vote Number: 154.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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