

HR 3241

State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]

Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2015
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 5, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2015

This bill amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to allow states to apply for waivers to health benefits coverage requirements in order to implement a universal health care plan. The state universal health care plan must be at least as comprehensive and affordable as coverage under federal health programs and cover substantially all state residents.

States may apply to waive requirements for:

- health insurance exchanges, plans sold on exchanges, and the program to support nonprofit insurance issuers;
- reduced cost-sharing for individuals meeting income criteria;
- health insurance premium subsidies, employer shared responsibility payments, and minimum essential coverage;
- health benefits under titles XI (General Provisions), XVIII (Medicare), XIX (Medicaid), and XXI (Children's Health Insurance) (CHIP) of the Social Security Act;
- federal employee health benefits;
- health benefits for members of the military; and
- health insurance under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must pay a state that assumes responsibility for health coverage currently provided under a federal health program the amount that would otherwise have been spent under the program. HHS, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Departments of the Treasury, Defense, and Labor must coordinate and consolidate this state waiver process with existing waiver processes to ensure consistency and avoid duplication of effort.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Aug 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1147)
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.