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Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 26, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 23, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3029	Related bill	Jun 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
114 HR 2291	Identical bill	May 26, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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Makes permanent the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to transport individuals to and from VA facilities in connection with vocational rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, or care.

Treats Vet Centers (centers for readjustment counseling and related mental health services for veterans) as VA facilities for purposes of providing payment of actual expenses of travel or allowance for travel to or from a VA facility.

Amends the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 to reauthorize through FY2020 a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2016:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-707.
- **Jun 3, 2015:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-201.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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