

## S 997

### Department of Veterans Affairs Construction, Accountability, and Reform Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 22, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 16, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1681	Related bill	Apr 7, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
114 HR 593	Related bill	Mar 19, 2015: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
114 S 285	Related bill	Jan 28, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Department of Veterans Affairs Construction, Accountability, and Reform Act**

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out the Aurora medical facility project to replace the VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado.

The Secretary may not pay any bonus during FY2015-FY2016.

If the project to replace the VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, is not completed by September 30, 2016, the Secretary may not pay any bonus until the date on which the Secretary certifies to Congress that such major medical facility project is fully operational. The aggregate amount of subsequent fiscal year bonuses is capped through FY2024.

The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary of the Army for the Army Corps of Engineers to carry out the design, contract, construction management, and other similar services for the Aurora project.

The Secretary is prohibited from carrying out any major medical facility project.

The Secretary of the Army, through the Chief of Engineers, shall carry out all major medical facility projects for the Department.

The Government Accountability Office shall review the Secretary's management of the Aurora project.

The Secretary must notify Congress at least 120 days (currently at least 30 days) before obligating funds for major medical facility projects that exceed authorized amounts.

### **Actions Timeline**

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