

## S 1106

### National Nurse Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 11, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 17, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 18, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 16, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 23, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 26, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1651	Identical bill	Mar 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## National Nurse Act of 2017

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services to designate the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health.

The duties of this position include: (1) providing leadership and coordination of Public Health Service nursing professional affairs for the Office of the Surgeon General and other agencies of the Public Health Service, (2) conducting outreach and education, and (3) providing guidance and leadership for activities that will increase public safety and emergency preparedness.

The National Nurse for Public Health must: (1) participate in identification of national health priorities, (2) encourage volunteerism of nurses and strengthen the relationship between government agencies and health-related national organizations, and (3) promote the dissemination of evidence-based practice in educating the public on health promotion and disease prevention activities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 11, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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