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Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 27, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2049	Related bill	May 1, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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This bill amends the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to extend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund until 19 years after this bill's enactment. The trust fund compensates individuals who contract cancer or other diseases as a result of their exposure to radiation during nuclear testing undertaken by the United States during the Cold War.

The bill revises the requirements of that Act, including by:

- increasing the amount of compensation that an individual may receive;
- expanding the affected area to include Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico;
- expanding eligibility requirements to include additional individuals, such as certain employees of uranium mines or mills; and
- extending until 19 years after this bill's enactment the statute of limitations for the filing of claims.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences must establish a grant program for institutions of higher education to study the epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling among non-occupationally exposed individuals.

The bill amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 by expanding eligibility requirements for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program with respect to chronic beryllium disease.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.