

S 2708

Choose Medicare Act

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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 (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 19, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 24, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 8, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 24, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6117	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
115 HR 5258	Related bill	Mar 13, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 S 1688	Related bill	Aug 1, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 3258	Related bill	Jul 20, 2017: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6046)
115 S 1462	Related bill	Jun 28, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 1307	Related bill	Jun 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3330-3331)

Summary (as of Apr 18, 2018)

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish public health plans that are available on health insurance markets, subject to specified requirements; the bill also makes a series of changes related to health insurance costs, including alterations to cost-sharing provisions and the authority to negotiate prices under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Actions Timeline

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