

S 2821

Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 10, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 10, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 10, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 10, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 10, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 10, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 10, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 10, 2018
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 10, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 10, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 10, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 10, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 18, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 16, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 25, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 11, 2018
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 29, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 10, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 632	Related bill	Feb 3, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
115 S 283	Related bill	Feb 2, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of May 10, 2018)

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This bill includes veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands anytime from 1977 through 1980 as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the Department of Veterans Affairs presumption of service-connection for specified cancers. These veterans thereby become eligible for the same health care and other benefits given to service members who were involved in active nuclear tests.

Under a presumption of service-connection, specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

Actions Timeline

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