

S 3225

Stop Shackling and Detaining Pregnant Women Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 18, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 18, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 28, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 17, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 17, 2018)

Stop Shackling and Detaining Pregnant Women Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from detaining a woman during pregnancy or postpartum recovery and must immediately release any detainee found to be pregnant, unless such woman presents an immediate and serious threat of hurting herself or others

A DHS detention facility may not use a restraint on a detainee who is known to be pregnant, including during labor, transport to a medical facility or birthing center, and delivery, or during postpartum recovery, except for medical or safety purposes. The bill prohibits DHS detention officers from being present during a pelvic exam of a detainee, labor, delivery, or treatment relating to a pregnancy, unless specifically requested by medical personnel. If a detention officer is requested by medical personnel, such officer shall be female, if practicable, and remain at a reasonable distance from the detainee.

The bill requires that a pregnant detainee shall have access to health care services, including comprehensive services relating to reproductive health care and pregnancy.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 17, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
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