

S 1618

ECHO 2019 Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 22, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 22, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 22, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 24, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5199	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 1895	Related bill	Jul 8, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 133.

Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes Act of 2019 or the ECHO 2019 Act

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a grant program that supports the implementation of certain educational, specialty health care technology in rural or medically underserved areas. Specifically, HHS must award grants to health care entities serving rural areas, health-professional shortage areas, medically underserved populations, or Native Americans for specified videoconferencing technology that connects health professionals with specialists (e.g., chronic-disease, mental-health, and substance-use disorder specialists).

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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