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State Public Option Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 14, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1277	Identical bill	Dec 10, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
116 S 585	Related bill	Feb 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 584	Related bill	Jan 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2019)

State Public Option Act

This bill allows residents who are not already eligible for Medicaid and not concurrently enrolled in other health insurance coverage to buy into a state Medicaid plan beginning January 1, 2020, at the option of the state. State Medicaid programs may set premiums and cost-sharing requirements for such coverage in accordance with specified limitations.

The bill also (1) provides the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to every state that expands Medicaid coverage for individuals who are newly eligible under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, regardless of when such expansion takes place; and (2) requires state Medicaid programs to cover comprehensive reproductive health care services, including abortion services.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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