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Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Feb 26, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: MN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 26, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1377	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2019)

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This bill includes veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands between January 1, 1977, and December 31, 1980, as radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the Department of Veterans Affairs presumption of service-connection for specified cancers.

Under a presumption of service-connection, specific diseases 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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