

HR 6808

Health Force and Resilience Force Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (May 13, 2020)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 12, 2020
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Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 12, 2020
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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 12, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		May 12, 2020
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 12, 2020
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 15, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 1, 2020
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3606	Related bill	May 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of May 12, 2020)

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This bill establishes and expands programs to bring on individuals to perform public health functions, such as contact tracing and vaccine administration, to respond to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency and meet other public health needs after that emergency ends.

The bill provides funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a Health Force to recruit and train individuals for roles in public health and health care. The funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules. Among other activities, the CDC must award grants to, or enter into contracts with, states and other jurisdictions to hire and deploy Health Force personnel.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency must hire and train additional individuals for its Cadre of On-Call Response/Recovery Employees. These employees may be detailed to certain federal agencies or to state, local, or tribal governments to support efforts with respect to COVID-19 and other disasters and emergencies.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 12, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.