

## S 696

National Nurse Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

## Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 2, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 6, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 11, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Dec 11, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 21, 2020
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 24, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 25, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 3, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 5, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 5, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 20, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1597	Identical bill	Mar 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## National Nurse Act of 2019

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to designate the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health.

The position includes the authority to (1) provide leadership and coordination of Public Health Service nursing professional affairs for the Office of the Surgeon General and other agencies of the Public Health Service, (2) conduct outreach and education, and (3) provide guidance and leadership for activities that will increase public safety and emergency preparedness.

The National Nurse for Public Health must (1) participate in identification of national health priorities, (2) encourage volunteerism of nurses and strengthen the relationship between government agencies and health-related national organizations, and (3) promote the dissemination of evidence-based practice in educating the public on health promotion and disease prevention activities.

## Actions Timeline

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