

## S 850

### Highly Rural Veteran Transportation Program Extension Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Mar 14, 2019

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Aug 7, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/850>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jan 28, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 5, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8337	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-159.
116 HR 8319	Related bill	Sep 23, 2020: Rule H. Res. 1129 passed House.
116 S 2966	Related bill	Dec 3, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 4524	Related bill	Oct 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 1807	Related bill	Apr 11, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Highly Rural Veteran Transportation Program Extension Act**

This bill makes permanent the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program that provides transportation for individuals traveling to and from VA facilities for vocational rehabilitation, required counseling, examination, treatment, or care. The VA must develop a national protocol for the administration of medical examinations for volunteer drivers to participate in the transportation program.

The bill also reauthorizes through FY2021 a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Aug 7, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4647-4648)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** The committee amendment as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4647)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S4648)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4648)
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Moran with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 413.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 22, 2019:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-179.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.