

HR 2916

VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Dec 13, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 31, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4591	Related bill	Jul 21, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 1467	Identical bill	Jun 23, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-231.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct clinical trials of the effects of medical-grade cannabis on the health outcomes of covered veterans diagnosed with chronic pain and those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Covered veterans are those who are enrolled in the VA health care system.

The trials must include a control group and an experimental group that are of similar sizes and structures and represent the demographics of the veteran population.

Data collected in the trials must be preserved to facilitate further research.

Under the bill, participation in the clinical trials does not affect a covered veteran's eligibility or entitlement to other VA benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 18 - 11.
- **Oct 14, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E470)
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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