

## S 3149

### Rural Health Equity Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Nov 3, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Nov 3, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 3, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 4, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 18, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 3, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5848	Related bill	Nov 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Nov 3, 2021)

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This bill establishes within the Office of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the Office of Rural Health. The office must serve as the primary point of contact within the CDC on rural health matters, coordinate public health research on issues affecting rural populations, and carry out related activities.

### Actions Timeline

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