

S 565

Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

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Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (Apr 28, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 24, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 14, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 14, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3373	Related bill	Aug 10, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-168.
117 HR 3967	Related bill	Jun 16, 2022: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
117 S 3003	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 145.
117 HR 1585	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 3, 2021)

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This bill includes veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands between January 1, 1977, and December 31, 1980, as radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the Department of Veterans Affairs presumption of service-connection for specified cancers.

Under a presumption of service-connection, specific conditions diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.