

## HR 3523

Perinatal Workforce Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 18, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 19, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3523>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]

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

## Cosponsors (98 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 18, 2023
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 18, 2023
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 18, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 18, 2023
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		May 18, 2023
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		May 18, 2023
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 18, 2023
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 18, 2023
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 18, 2023
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		May 18, 2023
Rep. Crockett, Jasmine [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		May 18, 2023
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 18, 2023
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 18, 2023
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		May 18, 2023
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 18, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Kamlager-Dove, Sydney [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 18, 2023

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		May 18, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 18, 2023
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-7]	D · GA		May 18, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		May 18, 2023
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 18, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 18, 2023
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		May 18, 2023
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 18, 2023
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		May 18, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		May 18, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		May 18, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		May 18, 2023
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 18, 2023
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		May 18, 2023
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		May 18, 2023
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 18, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 18, 2023
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 18, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 18, 2023

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 18, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		May 18, 2023
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 18, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		May 18, 2023
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Sep 26, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jan 25, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3305	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 1710	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1606	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Perinatal Workforce Act**

This bill establishes programs and requires research to diversify the perinatal workforce and advance respectful maternal care delivery models.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants to education and training programs to grow and diversify the professions that make up the perinatal workforce. HHS must also disseminate guidance on respectful maternal care delivery. This guidance must cover, among other topics, recruiting and retaining maternity care providers from diverse backgrounds and incorporating trained midwives and other perinatal health workers into maternity care teams.

In addition, the National Institutes of Health must study best practices for culturally and linguistically congruent maternity care. This is care that is in agreement with the preferred cultural values, beliefs, languages, worldview, and practices of health care consumers and other stakeholders.

The Government Accountability Office must also report on certain aspects of perinatal health care professions. The report must focus on barriers to entering those professions for low-income and minority women.

## **Actions Timeline**

---

- **May 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 18, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.