

HR 4779

Breast Cancer Patient Equity Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jul 20, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/4779>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jul 20, 2023
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-37]	D · TX		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Sep 20, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Sep 20, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Oct 6, 2023
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jan 22, 2024
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jan 22, 2024
Rep. Barragán, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2024
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 2, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 21, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3069	Identical bill	Oct 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jul 20, 2023)

Breast Cancer Patient Equity Act

This bill provides for Medicare coverage of custom fabricated breast prostheses following the surgical removal of the breast (i.e., a mastectomy), including replacements of such prostheses. Currently, Medicare covers surgically implanted breast prostheses, as well as some external breast prostheses (e.g., post-surgical bras).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 20, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.