

HR 542

Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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

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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Apr 26, 2023
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Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Apr 28, 2023
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Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2023
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Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 10, 2023
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Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 10, 2023
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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 26, 2023
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Sep 26, 2023
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 27, 2023
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Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Nov 8, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 141	Related bill	Jan 2, 2025: Became Public Law No: 118-210.

Summary (as of Dec 5, 2023)

Elizabeth Dole Home- and Community-Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2023 or the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023

This bill addresses home care and caregiver programs provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under the bill, the cost of providing noninstitutional alternatives to nursing home care generally may not exceed 100% of the cost that would have been incurred if a veteran had been furnished VA nursing home care. (Under current law, these expenditures are limited to 65% of the cost.) However, for specified veterans, the VA may exceed 100% of the cost if it determines the higher cost is in the best interest of such veterans (i.e., veterans with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a spinal cord injury, or a condition the Secretary determines to be similar to such conditions).

Among other requirements, the VA must

- seek to enter into an agreement with the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly in certain areas to furnish noninstitutional alternatives to nursing home care;
- implement various programs (e.g., the Veteran Directed Care program) to expand access to home- and community-based services;
- provide specified support and benefits to caregivers of certain disabled veterans;
- implement a pilot program to provide homemaker and home health aide services to veterans who reside in communities with a shortage of home health aides; and
- ensure the availability of home and community-based services for Native American veterans.

For veterans or family caregivers who are discharged from the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, a caregiver support coordinator must provide for a personalized transition to an appropriate program.

The Veterans Health Administration must review programs administered through the Office of Geriatric and Extended Care to ensure consistency in program management, eliminate service gaps at the medical center level, and ensure the availability of and access to home and community-based services.

The bill also extends certain loan fee rates through February 4, 2032, under the VA's home loan program.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 6, 2023:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6130-6131)
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 5 (Roll no. 696). (text: 12/04/2023 CR H6097-6100)
- **Dec 5, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 5 (Roll no. 696). (text: 12/04/2023 CR H6097-6100)
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Mr. Bergman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6097-6103)
- **Dec 4, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 542.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 29, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 118-284.
- **Nov 29, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 228.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.