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Rural Health Innovation Act of 2023

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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. (Mar 23, 2023)

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1712	Identical bill	Mar 31, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill establishes two grant programs to increase access to emergency care in rural areas. The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy within the Health Resources and Services Administration must manage these programs.

First, the office must provide grants to federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to enhance the provision of walk-in urgent care, triage, and other emergency services in rural areas.

Second, the office must provide grants to health departments in rural areas for emergency services (including triage and transport to emergency departments), primary care services, and similar services provided by emergency departments.

Recipients of these grants may use funds for staffing, equipment, and other necessary expenses to provide emergency services.

Actions Timeline

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