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Fair Funding for Rural Hospitals Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

Party: Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 6, 2025 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2025)

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This bill establishes a minimum funding allotment for Medicaid disproportionate-share hospitals (DSHs). (DSHs are hospitals that receive additional payments under Medicaid for treating a large share of low-income patients.)

Specifically, the bill establishes a minimum allotment of \$20 million per state for FY2025-FY2029, increased for inflation in subsequent years, despite any required reductions or other applicable funding calculations.

