

# **The Intersection of Politics, Policies and Women's Health**

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# Outline

- Political landscape in the Senate
- Congressional women's health agenda

# Senate Health Committees

- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee
  - Chairman: Senator Kennedy (MA)
  - Ranking Member: Senator Enzi (WY)
- Finance Committee
  - Chairman: Senator Baucus (MT)
  - Ranking Member: Senator Grassley (IA)

# 110<sup>th</sup> Women's Health Agenda

- Reproductive
- Coverage/Access
- Disease-specific
- Workforce
- Women's Health Office Act

\*\*Education and economic (caregiving)

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## **Reproductive Health- Abortion**

- Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)
- Title X Family Planning Act
- Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act

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## Reproductive Health— Contraception

### Prevention First Act/REAL Act (S.21)

- Title X Family Planning Service Act
- Equity in Rx Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage Act
- Emergency Contraception Education Act
- Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Act
- At-Risk Communities Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act
- Truth in Contraceptive Act
- Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act
- Responsible Education About Life Act

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## Coverage Issues

- SCHIP Reauthorization (ICHIA)
- Medicaid/Medicare cuts
- Broader health insurance expansion bills
  - Health Partnership Act (Bingaman)
  - Healthy Americans Act (Wyden)
  - Universal Health Care Choice and Access Act (Coburn)

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## Workforce

- Nursing
- Allied Health Professionals
- Community Health Workers
- Patient Navigators\*\*

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- **Prevention & Chronic Disease Bills**
  - Arthritis, Hep C, Cancer, Mental Health
  - Breast Cancer
- **Environmental Public Health Bills**
  - Healthy Communities Act, Healthy Places Act
  - FDA Regulation of Tobacco

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## Cardiovascular-Related Legislation

- HEART for Women Act (S. 573)
- STOP Act of 2007 (S. 999)
- Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (S. 625)
- Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Act (S. 1343)
- Diabetes Screening and Medicaid Savings Act (S. 755)

## 110<sup>th</sup> Minority Women's Health

### Kennedy-Cochran Minority Health Bill

- Education & Training
- Care & Coverage
- Research
- Data Collection, Analysis and Quality
- Leadership, Collaboration and National Strategic Action Plan