

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 9 - 0 - 1  
Yeas: Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: Thompson  
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Meeting Dates: 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to enact legislation creating the Office of the National Nurse.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of nursing profession
- Need for public health education and outreach
- Coordination with the Office of Surgeon General
- Diversity of nurses' role in community settings

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The national initiative to create the Office of the National Nurse, within the United States Public Health Service, would serve to promote health education, provide policy input at the federal level on initiatives, promote wellness through education and community outreach, and recognize that nurses represent the largest segment of the nation's health care workforce. The National Nurse would serve as a complement to the existing Office of the Surgeon General.