

The Elizabeth Dole Act

The VFW's Concern:

The *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act* would provide health care and benefits for veterans, caregivers, and survivors. Many of its provisions would improve care and benefits, and we believe some provisions would save lives. Certain components of this legislation, such as the expansions for caregivers, are long overdue.

This bill is the result of a months-long compromise between varying stakeholders, and is an example of how Washington, D.C., negotiations should work. It has bipartisan support in the Senate, but lacks the support to receive a vote in the House. This package is fully funded, and it has the backing of dozens of organizations that advocate on behalf of veterans, caregivers, and survivors. This legislation deserves bipartisan AND bicameral support.

The VFW urges Congress to:

Pass H.R. 8371, *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act*, so veterans, caregivers, and survivors can receive the life-altering and life-saving care and benefits they have earned and deserve.