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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **For Immediate Release:** | **Contact:** [Neal A. Patel](mailto:neal_patel@heller.senate.gov)/[Michawn Rich](mailto:michawn_rich@heller.senate.gov) | | June 3, 2015 | 202-224-6244 |   **Heller XXXXXXX**  **(Washington, DC)** –Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke at the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs hearing titled, “Pending Health Care Legislation.” The hearing addressed two pieces of legislation introduced by Senator Heller, the [Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015 (S.417)](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=3edf4cbe-8e98-45e6-8472-3530376f3f18) and the Veterans Affairs Research Transparency Act of 2015 (S.114). You can click HERE or below to watch the video.   |  | | --- | | VIDEO  **Background:**  **Summary of Women Veterans Access to Care Act**   * Require VA health care facilities to meet the specific needs of women veterans and integrate these standards into prioritization for construction projects. * Analyze women’s health outcomes as a performance measure for VA medical center executives. * Require every VA medical center to have a full-time obstetrician or gynecologist. * Improve outreach to veterans by requiring VA to provide state veterans agencies with contact information for veterans. * Conduct GAO study of VA’s ability to meet the needs of women veterans and their privacy and security in VA facilities.   **Summary of Veterans Affairs Research Transparency Act**   * Establishes a new website to make VA research data available to the public. * Requires the Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee to submit recommendations on the establishment of a data –sharing program between VA and DOD in order to better facilitate research. | |  |   ###  [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png](http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Senator-Dean-Heller/325751330177) [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png](http://twitter.com/SenDeanHeller) [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png](http://www.youtube.com/user/SenDeanHeller) |