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## Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2009 (S. 2789 / HR 3510)

**Senate Sponsor**—Sen. George Voinovich R-OH

**House Sponsor**—Rep. David Price D-NC-4

### Introduction, Referral and Administration—

- Senate introduction November 17, 2009; House introduction July 31, 2009
- Referred to Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees

### Purpose—

- The Roosevelt Scholars Act will help government attract mission-critical talent to help fill mission-critical jobs through 2012.
- It will help the federal government compete for highly skilled workers from an increasingly limited talent pool in mission-critical fields including public health, science, engineering law, security and enforcement and accounting.
- Mission critical fields will be determined by federal agencies workforce planning systems.

### AVMA Position—Support

#### Justification—

- Students are graduating with increasingly high levels of debt.
- Roosevelt Scholars will receive assistance to help pay tuition and fees for up to five years (\$12,000 annually; \$60,000 aggregate).
- Recipients will be paid a small monthly stipend (\$300) for each year they are enrolled in a degree granting program directly related to a mission-critical occupational area within the federal government.
- Roosevelt Scholars will be required to spend 3-5 years working in the federal civil service.
- The legislation would authorize \$10 million for the program.
- It is anticipated that 50 students would be granted scholarships annually.

**Supporters**—College and universities, former federal executives, Council of Graduate Schools and other higher education advocacy organizations.

**Opposition**—Unknown

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