

S 1739

A bill to authorize grants to improve security on over-the-road buses.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 12, 2001
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 6, 2002
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 1, 2002
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 3, 2002
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 3, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 3429	Related bill	Nov 15, 2002: Received in the Senate.

Amends Federal transportation law to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to establish an Over-the-road Bus Security Fund in the Treasury, with amounts available to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) for direct grants to persons engaged in the business of providing over-the-road bus transportation for specified system-wide security upgrades, including the reimbursement of extraordinary security-related costs incurred since September 11, 2001.

Limits to between \$3 million and \$5 million the amount of deposits in the Security Fund which the Secretary may use for research and development of security recommendations for over-the-road buses, including: (1) a review of actions already taken to address identified security issues by both public and private entities; (2) research on engine shut-off mechanisms, chemical and biological weapon detection technology, and the feasibility of compartmentalization of the driver; and (3) compilation, review, and dissemination of industry best practices.

Requires the Secretary to consult with over-the-road bus management and labor representatives, public safety and law enforcement officials, and the National Academy of Sciences.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings without amendment. With written report No. 107-235.
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- **Aug 1, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 544.
- **Apr 18, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 28, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 28, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12107)
- **Nov 28, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12108-12109)