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Montana Rural Aviation Improvement Act

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: May 24, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure **Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 24, 2001)

Montana Rural Aviation Improvement Act - Amends Federal aviation law to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in amending certain Federal aviation regulations in a manner affecting intrastate aviation in Montana, to consider the impact of severe weather conditions on Montana's aviation public and, on the basis of such considerations, establish regulatory distinctions consistent with those applied to the State of Alaska for mike-in-hand weather observation.

Requires on-site weather observers who are employees of the FAA, the National Weather Service, the Federal Government, or the State to use a mike-in-hand weather observation and reporting technique (a routine practice by which a weather observer uses radio communication to report information on weather observations directly to a pilot requesting information, ensuring the pilot nearly real-time access to such information) to correct and supplement weather information derived from Automated Surface Observation Sensors (ASOS) at Service Level D sites in Montana.

Actions Timeline

- May 24, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- May 24, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5635-5636)
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