

## S 1358

Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jun 26, 2003

**Current Status:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4901-4902)

**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4901-4902) (May 5, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1358>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 26, 2003
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 26, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 26, 2003
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 26, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 9, 2003
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Nov 12, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 5, 2004
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 1, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Aug 1, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2628	Related bill	<b>Oct 8, 2004:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 782.

## Summary (as of Jun 26, 2003)

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Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act - Includes as a protected disclosure by a Federal employee: (1) any lawful disclosure an employee or applicant reasonably believes is credible evidence of waste, abuse, or gross mismanagement, without restriction as to time, place, form, motive, context, or prior disclosure; and (2) the disclosure of information required to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs that the employee or applicant reasonably believes is direct evidence of waste, abuse, or gross mismanagement if such disclosure is made to a Member or employee of Congress who is authorized to receive information of the type disclosed.

Sets forth provisions concerning review and appeal of actions concerning such disclosures.

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide that, for purposes of provisions regarding the protection of voluntarily shared critical infrastructure information, a permissible use of independently obtained critical infrastructure information includes any lawful disclosure an employee or applicant reasonably believes is credible evidence of waste, fraud, abuse, or gross mismanagement, without restriction as to time, place, form, motive, context, or prior disclosure.

Requires agencies to inform employees on how to make a lawful disclosure of information.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 5, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4901-4902)
- **Nov 12, 2003:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-414.
- **Aug 1, 2003:** Committee on Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security.
- **Jul 9, 2003:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8749)
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8749-8751)

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