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S 1523

Pathways to Independence Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]

Party: Republican • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	$D \cdot ND$		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	$R \cdot RI$		Mar 2, 2004
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Mar 8, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Pathways to Independence Act of 2003 - Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) of title IV of the Social Security Act to give States the option to: (1) treat an individual with a disability, including a substance abuse problem, who is participating in rehabilitation services as being engaged in work; and (2) count as a work activity certain care provided to a child with a physical or mental impairment or to an adult dependent with a physical or mental impairment. Limits to three months in any 24-month period the length of time an individual may be deemed as being engaged in work under this Act. Permits an additional three-month extension only if the individual engages in specified work activity for a State-determined appropriate number of hours per month.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 31, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 31, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10645-10647)
- Jul 31, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR 8/1/2003 S10646)