

## HR 4643

### Public Transportation Safety Program Act of 2010

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 22, 2010
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 22, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 23, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3015	Related bill	Feb 22, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S622-624)

Public Transportation Safety Program Act of 2010 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a federal public transportation safety program to improve the safety of, and reduce the number of accidents involving, rail fixed guideway public transportation systems and public transportation bus systems that receive federal assistance.

Requires the Secretary to promulgate regulations to establish a federal certification program for employees and contractors who carry out state public transportation safety program activities in compliance with this Act. Delineates requirements for state preemption of federal law with respect to public transportation safety.

Authorizes the Secretary to carry out certain public transportation safety program activities, including inspection and testing of public transportation systems and accident prevention and investigation.

Allows a state to establish a state public transportation safety program that complies with federal regulations and policies issued by the Secretary. Authorizes the Secretary to award grants or enter into agreements to carry out such state programs, including to: (1) train employees to administer the program; and (2) enforce federal and state public transportation safety laws and regulations.

Grants the Secretary enforcement authority for violations of public transportation safety, including alcohol and controlled substances testing.

Authorizes the Secretary immediately, without regard to ordinary administrative procedure, to order restrictions and prohibitions to abate an emergency situation.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 23, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Feb 22, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 22, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E193-194)
- **Feb 22, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.