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A bill to require a demonstration program on the accession as Air Force officers of candidates with auditory impairments.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 19, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5296	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2014: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to carry out a demonstration program to assess the feasibility and advisability of permitting individuals with auditory impairments (including deafness) access as officers of the Air Force.

Authorizes between 15 and 20 individuals who are deaf or have a range of other auditory impairments, who otherwise meet all essential qualifications for accession as an officer of the Air Force, and who have not previously served as officers to participate in such program.

Requires selected participants to undergo the Basic Officer Training course or the Commissioned Officer Training course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, at the election of the Secretary. Requires the Secretary to designate a special advisor to act as a resource for participants, as well as a liaison between participants and those providing the officer training.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9061-9062)
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