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Safe Skies for Unmanned Aircraft Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

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114 HR 819	Related bill	Feb 10, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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This bill requires the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, for purposes of determining whether an unmanned aircraft (drone) used for aeronautical research qualifies as a public aircraft, to use definitions under federal aviation safety law for determining whether the aircraft is used for:

- a commercial purpose, and
- aeronautical research and platform-based research.

The Administrator must also develop procedures for the safe, beyond-line-of-sight operation of aeronautical research drones in the national airspace system.

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