

## S 2983

### Defending Essential Flights and Ensuring National Security Efforts (DEFENSE) Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** May 24, 2018

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 24, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2983>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 24, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 7, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6065	Related bill	Jun 11, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

## Summary (as of May 24, 2018)

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This bill allows an exemption from certain eligibility requirements under the essential air service program for certain locations for which not less than 10% of airport operations in 2017 were by aircraft of the Armed Forces.

## Actions Timeline

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