

HR 5139

Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

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

Cosponsors (26 total)

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| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Nov 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26] | D · CA | | Nov 18, 2019 |
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| Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2] | D · CA | | Nov 18, 2019 |
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| Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47] | D · CA | | Nov 18, 2019 |
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| Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18] | D · NY | | Nov 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32] | D · CA | | Nov 18, 2019 |
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| Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10] | D · NJ | | Nov 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8] | D · NJ | | Nov 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1] | D · NV | | Nov 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] | D · TN | | Nov 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3] | D · IL | | Nov 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24] | D · FL | | Nov 19, 2019 |
| Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large] | D · VI | | Nov 22, 2019 |
| Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1] | D · IA | | Nov 22, 2019 |
| Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2] | D · NH | | Dec 5, 2019 |
| Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11] | D · CA | | Dec 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14] | D · MI | | Jul 9, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | Oct 19, 2020 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 18, 2019 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Discharged from | Nov 20, 2019 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2020)

Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act

This bill establishes formal sexual assault and harassment policies for the transportation industry.

Among other things, the bill

- requires certain passenger transportation carriers, including passenger airlines and vessels, buses, commuter and intercity passenger railroads, and transportation network companies (e.g., Uber or Lyft) to establish formal policies, training, and reporting structures regarding sexual assault and harassment;
- sets forth civil penalties for individuals who physically assault or sexually assault or threaten to assault transportation personnel;
- directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to collect information on the number of sexual assault and harassment incidents reported by the carriers and make such information publicly available;
- expands the reporting process for individuals involved in transportation sexual assault or harassment incidents by allowing such individuals to report allegations to law enforcement in a manner that protects their privacy and confidentiality;
- assesses the accuracy of the reporting of transportation sexual assault or harassment incidents by the carriers; and
- requires DOT to develop and publish a definition of sexual harassment.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5183-5188)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5139.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5183-5186)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-463, Part I.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 371.
- **Dec 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Discharged.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Discharged.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Subcommittee on Aviation Discharged.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Discharged.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Nov 18, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.