

HR 8408

Aircraft Certification Reform and Accountability Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Sep 29, 2020

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Nov 18, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Sep 29, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8403	Related bill	Sep 28, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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This bill addresses certain safety standards relating to the aircraft certification process.

Among other things, the bill requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to

- direct U.S. aircraft and aerospace industry manufacturers to adopt safety management systems consistent with international standards and practices;
- convene an expert panel to review organizations that design and produce transport airplanes and make recommendations for improvements;
- require manufacturers to disclose to the FAA certain safety-critical information related to an aircraft;
- conduct a comprehensive review of each manufacturing Organization Designation Authorization holder's capability to meet FAA regulations based on the holder's organizational structures, requirements applicable to officers and employees, and safety culture;
- establish an appeal process to review decisions regarding a manufacturer's compliance with applicable design regulations;
- revise and improve its process of issuing amended type certificates for modifying an aircraft;
- initiate a call to action safety review of pilot certification standards in order to bring stakeholders together to share lessons learned, best practices, and implement actions to address any safety issues identified; and
- conduct an evaluation of tools and methods that support the better integration of human factors and system safety assessments of aircraft flight deck and flight control systems into the FAA's certification process.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5835-5847)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8408.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5835-5844)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5835-5844)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-579.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 477.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Subcommittee on Aviation Discharged.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.