

## S 1172

### Freedom to Move Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Apr 15, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Apr 15, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1172>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA        |      | Mar 14, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Apr 15, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 2287 | Related bill | Mar 30, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. |

### Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

#### Freedom to Move Act

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to award competitive five-year grants (Freedom to Move Grants) to states, local governments, transit agencies, and non-profit organizations in both rural and urban areas to cover the lost fare revenue for fare-free public transportation and improve public transportation.

Grants shall be used to support (1) implementing a fare-free transit program; and (2) efforts to improve public transportation, particularly in underserved communities, such as costs associated with efforts to provide more safe, frequent, and reliable bus service, including bus stop safety and accessibility improvements, and pedestrian and bike shelters.

## Actions Timeline

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