

S 1717

A bill to establish a community-driven decisionmaking pilot program to demonstrate enhanced community-based decisionmaking in the transportation planning process, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: May 19, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (May 19, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 19, 2021)

This bill establishes a pilot program to facilitate community involvement in transportation planning by supporting partnerships between one or more transportation planning agencies (e.g., local and regional metropolitan planning organizations) and community-based organizations.

To carry out the program, the Department of Transportation must award grants to such partnerships for, among other purposes, facilitating public meetings and stipends to cover expenses of community participants related to their engagement in transportation planning processes.

Actions Timeline

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