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Visit America Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 27, 2021
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Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 27, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 27, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 21, 2021
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Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 27, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3375	Related bill	**Oct 18, 2022:** By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 10/14/2022. Report No. 117-191.
117 HR 6965	Related bill	**Oct 11, 2022:** Received in the Senate.

Summary (as of May 27, 2021)

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This bill implements measures to support the U.S. travel and tourism industry and to address the declining percentage of international visitors to the United States.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Commerce to develop a 10-year travel and tourism strategy with annual goals for the number of international visitors to the United States and for travel exports.

The bill also establishes the role of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism, whose responsibilities shall include (1) setting an annual goal for the number of international visitors to the United States, (2) providing support for improved visitor visa processing, and (3) promoting travel exports abroad.

Further, the assistant secretary must develop and implement a COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategy to assist the recovery of the U.S. travel and tourism industry from travel restrictions necessitated by the pandemic.

The bill also provides statutory authority for the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, which shall aid the assistant secretary in developing and implementing the COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategy.

Actions Timeline

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