

HR 3698

D-BLOC Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (Jun 7, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9690	Related bill	Dec 26, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
117 HR 3684	Related bill	Aug 4, 2022: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

Don't BLock Our Communities Act or the D-BLOC Act

This bill prohibits railroad carriers from obstructing travel at public highway-rail crossings for more than 10 minutes, except under limited circumstances (e.g., safety issues).

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must investigate and send notices to carriers of repeated incidents; carriers are subject to civil penalties for violations that occur after having received notice. DOT must also establish a national database for the public to report such incidents.

Actions Timeline

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