

## S 3956

### WIPPES Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 30, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Mar 30, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3956>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 30, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 28, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 9, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 15, 2022
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 15, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 30, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4602	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

## **Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety Act or the WIPPES Act**

This bill requires the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring entities responsible for the labeling or retail packaging of certain premoistened, nonwoven wipes (e.g., baby wipes, cleaning wipes, or personal care wipes) to label such products clearly and conspicuously with the phrase *Do Not Flush* and accompanying symbol as depicted under specified industry guidelines.

The commission is authorized to enforce this requirement.

Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency must award competitive grants to states, local or tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, or public-private partnerships to increase community outreach about such labels.

## **Actions Timeline**

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