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Patents for Humanity Act of 2022

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 12, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5796	Related bill	Dec 20, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-245.

Summary (as of May 12, 2022)

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This bill provides statutory authority for a program to award certificates that may be used to accelerate certain proceedings and applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). The program established under this bill shall be treated as the successor to the existing Patents for Humanity program.

Under this bill, the PTO must hold a competition at least once every two years to award certificates to eligible entities that submit a patent application that addresses a humanitarian issue.

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