HR 5706

Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works
Introduced: Oct 25, 2021
Current Status: Star Print ordered on the bill.
Latest Action: Star Print ordered on the bill. (May 16, 2022)
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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]
Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Oct 25, 2021
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 25, 2021
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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2022
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 27, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 30, 2022)

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This bill establishes formal sexual assault and harassment policies for the transportation industry.

Among other things, the bill

- requires certain passenger transportation carriers, including passenger airlines and vessels, buses, commuter and intercity passenger railroads, and transportation network companies (e.g., Uber or Lyft) to establish formal policies, training, and reporting structures regarding sexual assault and harassment;
- sets forth civil penalties for individuals who physically assault or sexually assault or threaten to assault transportation personnel;
- directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to collect information on the number of sexual assault and harassment incidents reported by the carriers and make such information publicly available;
- expands the reporting process for individuals involved in transportation sexual assault or harassment incidents by allowing such individuals to report allegations to law enforcement in a manner that protects their privacy and confidentiality;
- assesses the accuracy of the reporting of transportation sexual assault or harassment incidents by the carriers; and
- requires DOT to develop and publish a definition of sexual harassment.

Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2022:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Mar 31, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3983-3988)
- **Mar 30, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5706.
- **Mar 30, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3995-3996)
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 339 - 85 (Roll no. 90).(text: CR H3983-3987)
- **Mar 30, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 339 - 85 (Roll no. 90). (text: CR H3983-3987)
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 117-278, Part I.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 205.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Subcommittee on Aviation Discharged.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Discharged.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Discharged.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Discharged.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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