

## SJRES 14

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Feb 16, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 16, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/14>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 16, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HJRES 75	Related bill	<b>Jun 15, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 67	Identical bill	<b>Jun 9, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Feb 16, 2023)

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This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year or 18% of the U.S. gross domestic product unless Congress authorizes the excess by a two-thirds vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a two-thirds vote of each chamber of Congress to levy a new tax, increase the rate of any tax, or increase the debt limit.

The amendment provides any Member of Congress with standing and a cause of action to seek judicial enforcement of this amendment if authorized by a petition signed by one-third of the Members of either chamber of Congress. Courts are prohibited from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this amendment.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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