

HR 1597

William and James Wonacott Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 14, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 24, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]

Party: Republican • State: WA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Mar 14, 2023
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jul 25, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 14, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes specific criminal penalties for the sale or distribution of illicit fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance to another person without that person's knowledge.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the sale or distribution of any substance that has two milligrams or more of illicit fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance to another person without that person's knowledge. Violators are subject to a minimum of 20 years of imprisonment (25 years if the violation results in death) and a maximum of life imprisonment.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 14, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.