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AIR PUMP Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 18, 2023)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 18, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3576	Related bill	May 23, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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This bill gives an air carrier crewmember the right to break time and a private space to express breast milk at work. Exceptions to this right apply during a critical phase of flight, if it impacts the safety of an aircraft, or if it would impose a significant expense. An employer may not discriminate or retaliate against an employee who testifies in a proceeding or files a complaint related to this bill. The bill provides for enforcement by the Department of Labor or in a private lawsuit. The Federal Aviation Administration must issue regulations.

Actions Timeline

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