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AIR PUMP Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

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| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | May 18, 2023 |
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| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Oct 19, 2023 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] | D · NH | | Dec 5, 2023 |

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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

- **May 18, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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