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AIRWAYS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: GA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 13, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Advancing Inclusion and Representation in the Workforce of Aviation and Transportation Systems Act or the AIRWAYS Act**

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a program to provide grants to support the education and recruitment of an aviation workforce (i.e., aircraft pilots, aviation maintenance technical workers, and aviation manufacturing technical workers).

Eligible applicants include certain educational institutions (e.g., an institution of higher education, a postsecondary vocational institution, and a local educational agency), state or local governments, and nonprofit organizations. In addition, air carriers in a partnership with certain educational institutions are eligible for aircraft pilot workforce grants.

Among other things, DOT must give priority to applicants that assure that grant funds will be used to encourage the participation of populations that are underrepresented in the aviation industry, including women, minorities, and individuals in economically disadvantaged geographic areas and rural communities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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