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FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 13, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 29, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5355	Related bill	Sep 11, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 HR 5356	Related bill	Sep 11, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 HR 4446	Related bill	Jul 3, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 HR 4193	Related bill	Jun 15, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 HR 4049	Related bill	Jun 13, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 S 1929	Related bill	Jun 12, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1883	Related bill	Jun 8, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1914	Related bill	Jun 8, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1796	Related bill	Jun 1, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 HR 3743	Related bill	May 29, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 S 1551	Related bill	May 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1535	Related bill	May 10, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1506	Related bill	May 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 HR 3082	Related bill	May 8, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 S 1459	Related bill	May 4, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1438	Related bill	May 3, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1256	Related bill	Apr 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1255	Related bill	Apr 20, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 HR 2626	Related bill	Apr 14, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 HR 2558	Related bill	Apr 11, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 S 1154	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 1032	Related bill	Mar 29, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 816	Related bill	Mar 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 S 787	Related bill	Mar 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 HR 1445	Related bill	Mar 9, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
118 S 400	Related bill	Feb 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through FY2028, including activities and programs related to airport planning and development, facilities and equipment, and operations. The National Transportation Safety Board is also reauthorized through FY2028.

The bill also addresses a wide range of issues, including by

- expanding air traffic controller training capacity and requiring the FAA to update the training process for air traffic controllers and the FAA Contract Tower Program;
- requiring the FAA to operationalize key programs under the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) by December 31, 2025;
- requiring air carriers to provide a full refund, upon request, to passengers who hold a nonrefundable ticket for a cancelled or significantly delayed flight;
- requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a policy directing certain air carriers to seat a young child next to an accompanying adult if adjacent seats are available without charging an additional fee;
- requiring DOT to issue rules on minimum training standards for airline personnel who assist wheelchair users;
- increasing the number of daily round-trip flights allowed at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA);
- establishing a new DOT grant program for airports to dispose of products that contain per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), such as certain firefighting equipment, and purchase fluorine-free firefighting alternatives;
- requiring the FAA to update safety standards for commercial air tour operators; and
- requiring the FAA to establish a regulatory pathway for the certification or approval of commercial unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) to operate beyond the visual line of sight.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 29, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Feb 29, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 335.
- **Feb 8, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 13, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.