

## S 1939

### FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jun 13, 2023

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 335.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 335. (Feb 29, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1939>

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

## FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024

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

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- **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.