

## S 2053

Freedom to Travel for Health Care Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Jun 20, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 20, 2023)

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| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA               |             | Jun 20, 2023       |
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## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 20, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jun 20, 2023)

### Freedom to Travel for Health Care Act of 2023

This bill prohibits anyone from interfering with a person's ability to access out-of-state reproductive health care. (*Reproductive health care* is defined as medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services and care related to pregnancy, including the prevention or termination of a pregnancy, and other reproductive care.)

Specifically, the bill prohibits anyone from restricting, discriminating against, or otherwise disadvantaging anyone who receives, provides, or assists with out-of-state reproductive health care that is legal in the state in which it is provided.

The bill allows the Department of Justice to bring a civil action and establishes a private right of action for violations. The bill specifically waives any applicable governmental immunity and preempts any contravening state laws.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 20, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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