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WATCH Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Animals

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 19, 2023)

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Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 29, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 19, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3383	Related bill	Nov 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Worldwide Animal Testing Compliance and Harmonization Act of 2023 or the WATCH Act

This bill subjects foreign laboratories that receive federal funds and that conduct animal research to U.S. animal welfare regulations.

The National Institutes of Health must establish a process to inspect these laboratories on a quarterly basis to ensure compliance with U.S. animal welfare regulations, such as the use of animal care committees and evaluations of animal care and treatment. Laboratories that are found to be noncompliant, and that do not take appropriate corrective action, are subject to funding revocation.

Actions Timeline

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