

HR 2466

Essential Air Service Reform Act

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. (Apr 4, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Essential Air Service Reform Act

This bill modifies the Essential Air Service (EAS) program's applicant selection process for air service providers. (The EAS program was established to ensure that small communities that were served by certificated air carriers before the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 would continue to receive scheduled passenger service.)

Specifically, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must consider the overall cost of a submitted bid when selecting an EAS applicant to provide basic essential air service to a community.

The bill also removes a current requirement that, in selecting an EAS applicant, DOT give substantial weight to the views of elected officials who represent air transportation users.

Finally, DOT must notify Congress when it enters into an EAS contract with an air service provider and include an explanation for awarding the contract with the notification.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Apr 3, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 3, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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