

S 2538

Regional Biocontainment Laboratory Authorization Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 26, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2333	Related bill	Sep 6, 2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 202.

Summary (as of Jul 26, 2023)

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This bill provides statutory authority for a program through which the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awards grants or other support for regional biocontainment laboratories. These are laboratories that are designed to safely conduct research on dangerous pathogens and toxins to address emerging infectious diseases and other biological threats.

Additionally, HHS must establish a board consisting of grantee representatives to provide recommendations to (1) improve the quality and consistency of laboratory procedures and practices, and (2) coordinate federally funded activities carried out at the laboratories.

Actions Timeline

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