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ASCEND Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 27, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6219	Related bill	Sep 24, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 HR 8958	Related bill	Sep 24, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2023)

Accessing Satellite Capabilities to Enable New Discoveries Act or the ASCEND Act

This bill provides statutory authority for the Commercial SmallSat Data Acquisition Program. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) established the program as a pilot program in 2017 to acquire commercial small-satellite data in support of NASA's earth science research.

Actions Timeline

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