

HR 2710

Ocean Shipping Competition Enforcement Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 19, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 19, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ocean Shipping Competition Enforcement Act

This bill establishes procedures for the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) to enjoin, without obtaining a court order, the operation of any ocean shipping agreement it determines is likely to have certain anticompetitive effects.

The FMC monitors agreements by ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators and otherwise regulates the U.S. international ocean transportation system.

Under current law, the FMC must obtain a court order to enjoin the operation of an agreement it determines is likely, by a reduction in competition, to (1) produce an unreasonable reduction in transportation service, (2) cause an unreasonable increase in transportation cost, or (3) substantially lessen competition in the purchasing of certain covered services.

The bill authorizes the FMC to issue such an injunction without a court order. For such an injunction, the FMC must provide the person filing the agreement with notice and an opportunity to be heard under expedited procedures established by the FMC. The FMC may allow a third party to intervene in a proceeding relating to such an injunction.

An injunction issued under this bill shall constitute a final order of the FMC.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 19, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E329-330)
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.