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Health Equity and MENA Community Inclusion Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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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	Sep 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2730	Related bill	**Apr 19, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2023)

Health Equity and Middle Eastern and North African Community Inclusion Act of 2023 or the Health Equity and MENA Community Inclusion Act of 2023

This bill includes Middle Easterners and North Africans (MENA) as a distinct population in the statutory definition of *racial and ethnic minority group* that applies to efforts to reduce health disparities by the Office of Minority Health of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The bill also requires HHS to conduct a study on health and related outcomes of MENA populations.

Actions Timeline

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