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Increasing Competitiveness for American Drones Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3459	Identical bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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This bill establishes and extends certain rules related to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and operations.

Specifically, the bill requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish a regulatory pathway for certification or approval of UAS to enable commercial beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) operations, including a risk assessment methodology.

Additionally, the bill establishes the Office of Associate Administrator of UAS Integration within the FAA. It also establishes the UAS Certification Unit to develop and implement the UAS certification or approval processes for BVLOS operations.

Further, the bill extends the special authority for the Department of Transportation to determine if certain UAS may operate safely in the national airspace system.

Actions Timeline

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