

SRES 356

A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 18 through September 24, 2023, as "Rail Safety Week" in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Rail Safety Week to reduce highway-rail grade crossing and trespasser-related incidents, fatalities, and injuries, reduce derailments, improve the safe transportation of hazardous materials by rail, and prevent rail worker fatalities.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Sep 21, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 SRES 864	Related bill	Sep 25, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S6451-6452)
118 HRES 698	Related bill	Sep 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2023)

This resolution expresses support for the designation of Rail Safety Week. The resolution also expresses support for (1) the communities impacted by the February 3, 2023, Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio; and (2) the actions of first responders who combat releases of hazardous materials across the United States, including the firefighters who responded to the derailment in Ohio.

Actions Timeline

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