

## HR 4229

### Balloon Location and Identification Pronouncement Study Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jun 20, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. (Jun 21, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/4229>

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Armed Services Committee                    | House   | Referred To | Jun 20, 2023 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Jun 21, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Balloon Location and Identification Pronouncement Study Act or the BLIPS Act**

This bill directs the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to study the effects on aviation safety of domestically launched unmanned free balloons that do not emit a trackable electronic or radio signal.

DOD and the FAA must submit a report to Congress on the study. The report must include a discussion and recommendations on

- the efficacy, feasibility, technical specifications, and potential civil and military impacts of mandating that domestically launched unmanned free balloons be equipped with an electronic or radio emitter that can be tracked with near real-time, geolocational, and altitudinal precision, and which can transmit identifying information of the balloon or its owner; and
- how DOD and the FAA can collect the data and integrate it into a real-time or near real-time digital system that supports the operations of DOD and the FAA.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jun 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 20, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.