

## HR 4962

JETSET Costs Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jul 27, 2023

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. (Jul 28, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2126	Identical bill	<b>Jun 22, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Justification and Examination of Transportation Staff's Executive Travel Costs Act of 2023 or the JETSET Costs Act of 2023**

This bill restricts the use of Department of Transportation (DOT) aircraft by the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary's executive staff.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the Secretary and the Secretary's executive staff from traveling on a DOT aircraft unless it is determined that the cost of the flight is at least 5% less than the cost of a flight on a commercial airline. A DOT aircraft is any aircraft owned, operated, or maintained by DOT.

This restriction does not apply when emergency travel is required and commercial service is unavailable. The DOT Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Congress must be notified in writing within seven days after such emergency travel is completed.

Further, the Federal Aviation Administration must revise Order 2500.36N (*Application of Flight Hour Rates*) to reflect the true cost of flight operations. When calculating per-seat costs of a flight, DOT (1) may not charge different rates to non-DOT officials, and (2) must use the actual and full cost of a flight on a DOT aircraft when comparing such flight to any commercial alternative.

DOT's OIG must submit an annual report to Congress that includes an itemization and justification of each trip and flight in which the Secretary or the Secretary's executive staff traveled on a DOT aircraft.

The bill also prohibits the Secretary or the Secretary's executive staff from traveling on a DOT aircraft for any trip that involves personal or political activities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 28, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.