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### Cash Refunds for Flight Cancellations Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Feb 28, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Feb 28, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/561>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

## Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1233	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

## **Cash Refunds for Flight Cancellations Act of 2023**

This bill requires air carriers and ticket agents to offer full cash refunds for airline tickets if (1) an air carrier cancels or significantly delays a flight, or (2) a passenger cancels their ticket for a flight at least 48 hours before the scheduled departure time.

The bill permits air carriers and ticket agents to offer alternative forms of compensation, including credit or vouchers, provided that such offer is valid indefinitely, and the offer includes a clear and conspicuous notice of the passenger's right to a cash refund.

Additionally, the bill requires air carriers and ticket agents to disclose to passengers, prior to the sale of airline tickets, that they can cancel their tickets and receive a full refund.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 28, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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