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Facial Recognition and Biometric Technology Moratorium Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 7, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 10, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1404	Identical bill	<b>Mar 7, 2023:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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.

## Facial Recognition and Biometric Technology Moratorium Act of 2023

This bill imposes limits on the use of biometric surveillance systems (such as facial recognition systems) by federal, state, and local government entities.

A federal agency or official may not in an official capacity acquire, possess, or use in the United States any biometric surveillance system or information obtained by such a system unless Congress passes an act that specifically authorizes such a use. Such an act of Congress must contain certain provisions, such as provisions naming the specific authorized entity and auditing requirements relating to the system.

Information obtained in violation of this bill shall not be admissible by the federal government in any proceeding or investigation, except in a proceeding alleging a violation of this bill.

An individual aggrieved by a violation of these restrictions shall have the right to sue. Any state officer authorized to sue on behalf of the state's residents shall also have the right to sue on behalf of the state's aggrieved residents.

A state or local government unit shall not receive certain federal law enforcement grants unless the government unit complies with a law or policy that is substantially similar to this bill's restrictions on acquiring and using biometric surveillance systems.

### Actions Timeline

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