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Interagency Patent Coordination and Improvement Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]
Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 7, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1717	Identical bill	**Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2023)

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This bill establishes the Interagency Task Force on Patents to support coordination and communication between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on activities relating to patents for human drugs and biological products.

The task force's duties shall include sharing information about (1) the processes of each agency, including how each agency evaluates applications (e.g., patent applications at the PTO and new drug applications at the FDA); and (2) new approvals of patents, human drugs, biological products, and new technologies. The task force must also establish a process that requires (1) the PTO to request from the FDA information relating to certain patent applications to help patent examiners carry out their duties, (2) the FDA to provide such information to the PTO, and (3) the PTO to assist the FDA in its ministerial role of listing patents.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 18.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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