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MONARCH Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Mar 16, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 16, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 16, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4350	Identical bill	Aug 21, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

Monarch Action, Recovery, and Conservation of Habitat Act of 2023 or the MONARCH Act of 2023

This bill provides support for the conservation of western monarch butterflies (the monarch butterfly population that overwinters along the coast of California and breeds across California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Utah). Specifically, the bill establishes the Western Monarch Butterfly Rescue Fund. The Department of the Interior must use amounts in the fund to provide grants for the conservation of such butterflies and other pollinators within the range of western monarch butterflies.

In addition, Interior must enter into an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to facilitate updating and implementing the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan, which was prepared by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Actions Timeline

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