

HR 9248

Railroad Responsibility Act of 2024

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Aug 2, 2024

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. (Aug 3, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]

Party: Republican • State: OH • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 2, 2024)

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This bill provides states with the authority to adopt or enact any law, regulation, order, or other requirement limiting the duration that a railroad carrier may block a highway-rail grade crossing. Specifically, this bill states that federal transportation laws do not preempt a state from adopting or enacting these limits.

As background, state and federal courts have generally found that state laws regarding obstructed crossings are preempted by one or more federal laws, thereby rendering the state laws unenforceable.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Aug 2, 2024:** Introduced in House
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