

S 160

Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 21, 2025

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 119-18.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 119-18. (Jun 12, 2025)

Law: 119-18 (Enacted Jun 12, 2025)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/160

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sheehy, Tim [R-MT]

Party: Republican • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 21, 2025
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 3, 2025
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 3, 2025
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 19, 2025
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 6, 2025
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 6, 2025
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 1, 2025
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 2, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Apr 8, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 956	Identical bill	Mar 7, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture.

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This bill reauthorizes the Department of Defense to sell its excess aircraft and aircraft parts that are acceptable for commercial sale for wildfire suppression purposes. Such authority begins October 1, 2025, and ends October 1, 2035.

The bill also provides that such aircraft may be used to deliver water by air in order to suppress wildfire (the previous authority only provided for the delivery of fire retardant).

The bill removes the previous limitation on providing international wildfire suppression assistance with such purchased aircraft.

Actions Timeline

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