

# Status of FAA Reauthorization & Proposed Noise Provisions

July 2023

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- U.S. House of Representatives
  - H.R. 3935 introduced on June 9, 2023
  - Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the reauthorization of FAA programs for the next 5 years
- U.S. Senate
  - S. 1939 - Draft FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023 released June 12, 2023
  - Senate Commerce Committee is expected to vote on the bill this week

## Noise Provisions House Bill

Sec.	Title	Description
135	Aviation Noise Officer	The FAA Administrator is to appoint an Aviation Noise Officer
476	PART 150 NOISE STANDARDS UPDATE	Review and revise Part 150 to reflect all relevant laws and regulations, including Part 161
477	REDUCING COMMUNITY AIRCRAFT NOISE EXPOSURE	Additional measures to mitigate aircraft noise when implementing a new flight procedure
478	CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS	Updated guidance on how the FAA should issue categorical exclusions based on level of federal funding
481	RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDUCING ROTORCRAFT NOISE IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	U.S Comptroller General shall conduct a study on reducing rotorcraft noise in the D.C. airspace
482	UFP STUDY	National Research Council will conduct a study on the effect of airborne ultrafine particles on human health
483	AVIATION AND AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	FAA shall establish an airport community of interest task force to evaluate and improve existing processes
484	COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROGRAM	FAA shall establish a Community Collaboration Program within three other regulatory agencies
485	THIRD PARTY STUDY ON AVIATION NOISE METRICS	FAA shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study on aviation noise metrics

## Noise Provisions Senate Bill

Sec.	Title	Description
805	ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND NOISE CERTIFICATION [drones]	FAA shall publish drone-specific environmental review guidance
905	ADVANCING GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ON CIVIL SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT	FAA shall submit a report to appropriate committees on Section 181 of FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018
917	AIRCRAFT NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	FAA shall establish an Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee to advise on issues facing the aviation community, related to aircraft noise exposure and existing FAA noise polices and regulations
1001	NOISE MITIGATION	Specifies requirements for aircraft arrivals/departures at Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field (BOI) [Boise, ID] to reduce noise impact

# Possible Next Steps

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- Roundtable to determine whether they want to write a letter in support of all or some of the noise provisions in the House and Senate Bills
- Facilitator to work with the Chair to prepare a letter of support as directed by the Roundtable through a motion to prepare and send such a letter to applicable House and Senate representatives
- Roundtable Secretary to send the letter as directed by the Chair

***Note:** The Roundtable letter may arrive after the Senate vote/approval if it occurs this week as planned – the Bill could have been approved by the Senate at the time of this meeting.*