

Digital Platform Commission Act

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INTRODUCED

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HOW FAR IT WAS CARRIED



BACKGROUND

Oversight of digital platforms is spread across agencies that regulate them incidentally, through competition or consumer-protection powers written before the platforms existed. This bill creates a dedicated expert regulator instead: a five-member commission with rulemaking, investigatory and enforcement authority over the platforms themselves, on the model of how communications and financial markets are supervised.

KEY PROVISIONS

- Establishes a Federal Digital Platform Commission of five Senate-confirmed members.
- Grants rulemaking, investigatory, and enforcement authority over digital platforms.
- Creates a code council of technologists and civil-society experts to propose technical standards.
- Requires algorithmic risk auditing and transparency for platforms above a scale threshold.
- Preserves existing agency authority rather than displacing the FTC or DOJ.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Introduced 18 May 2023.

OFFICES ENGAGED

Sens. Bennet, Welch
Drafted and advised. 2 offices engaged.