

# **FASD** is taking a seat at the table



## **January 2024 Policy Forum**

**Wednesday  
January 29, 2024**

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# FASD United

THE NATIONAL VOICE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS  
Formerly NOFAS

## Organization Update



**FASD United**  
*Affiliate Network*



**Affiliate  
Update**



9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON

# FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

**MARCH 20 - 23, 2025**  
HYATT REGENCY, SEATTLE, WA

Register Now

# 118th

**June 1 and June 9, 2023**

FASD Respect Act Introduced in Senate and House

**September 20, 2023**

Congressional Research Briefing

**December 12, 2023**

FASD Respect Act included in SUPPORT Act, which passes through Senate HELP Committee

**December 2023-November 2024**

Weekly meetings with legislators and coordination with authors

**November 13, 2024**

House authors pen letter to Energy and Commerce Committee urging them to hear and pass FASD Respect Act

**December 3, 2024**

Final co-sponsors sign on, bringing total to 59 in House and 13 in Senate



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**December 17, 2024**

Proposed CR includes FASD Respect Act Language. This CR is approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee



**December 19, 2024**

Proposed CR pulled before vote due to political pressure



**December 20, 2024**

Slim CR, without FASD Respect Act, introduced and passed hours before end of session

**Continuing Resolution (CR):** Temporary spending bill allowing federal government to operate while full appropriation have not been approved.



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# Introduction

**S.139 - A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention and Services program, and for other purposes.**

**January 16, 2024**

**FASD Respect Act Reintroduced  
by Senator Lisa Murkowski**

## **Original Cosponsors**

- Sen. Klobuchar [D-MN]
- Sen. King, [I-ME]
- Sen. Hirono [D-HI]
- Sen. Moran [R-KS]
- Sen. Baldwin [D-WI]
- Sen. Cantwell [D-WA]
- Sen. Cramer, [R-ND]



# The Bill

- As approved by Senate HELP Committee
- Education, Awareness and Services across community agencies
- Building State and Tribal Systems
- Centers for Excellence



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# What's Happening

January

- **A.J.T. v. Osseo Area Schools:** Addresses standard students with disabilities must meet to prove discrimination
- **Call for Comment:** Dietary Guidelines for Americans on alcohol consumption
- **Grant Freeze:** What we know
- **Strategy:** What we can do



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## Know

- We are a united community

## Feel

- Supported and seen

## Do

- Remain hopeful and take care of yourself