

HR 5110: All Participating in Process Reaching Informed Solutions for Everyone (APPRISE) ACT of 2019

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The APPRISE Act would allow technical representatives of an Aviation Roundtable to participate along with representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), airports, airlines, and other airline industry stakeholders in the formal FAA Performance Based Navigation (PBN) process design for the development of flight procedures affecting their local area.

- As part of the FAA's NextGen initiative, a formalized process coordinates the design and development of proposed Performance Based Navigation (PBN) flight procedures.
- For each proposed new or modified flight procedure, the FAA convenes a coordinating working group. This working group is comprised of representatives from the FAA, representatives from airports affected by the proposed procedures, representative from airlines and representatives from diverse aviation related entities and companies. This PBN working group remains active during the procedure development for many months up to two or more years until it is finalized.
- Currently, no representative of the public is a member of this coordinating FAA PBN working group. No member of the public or representative of the public is allowed to observe meetings of the FAA PBN working group. No FAA PBN meeting agendas or meeting minutes are available to the public nor to a representative of the public.
- An opportunity for significant public input, if even provided, is generally scheduled very late in the process after months and months of design and development work by the FAA PBN working group. This procedure design is already typically "set in concrete" and any public input at that point is not at all likely to result in meaningful change.
- In order to provide the FAA with valuable data and input from the community, this bill would require the FAA to ensure that a technical representative of a covered Aviation Roundtable can participate as a member of the FAA PBN working group on the same terms and conditions as a representative of the airline industry, an airport or a procedure proponent.
- An aviation roundtable is covered by this bill if the Aviation Roundtable is the actual or de facto proponent of the new or modified procedure being considered or if the flight path which is the subject of the PBN process is within 5 miles of the jurisdictional area of the aviation roundtable.