

S 259

National Laboratories Partnership Improvement Act of 2001

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Feb 6, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2001
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 21, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 18, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 517	Identical bill	<b>Apr 25, 2002:</b> Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 65.

National Laboratories Partnership Improvement Act of 2001- Instructs the Secretary of Energy to: (1) establish a Technology Infrastructure Program to improve the ability of the National Laboratories to support department missions; (2) provide specified maximum funding among up to ten National Laboratories selected to conduct Technology Infrastructure Program Pilot Programs; (3) require the Director of each National Laboratory to establish a small business advocacy and assistance program; and (4) establish a Technology Transfer Coordinator within the Office of Policy, for oversight and policy development of DOE technology transfer activities.

Amends the Department of Energy Organization Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into transactions with public and private entities for research, development, or demonstration projects.

Directs the Secretary to determine whether it is reasonable to ensure whether each contractor operating a National Laboratory or facility has policies and procedures that do not create disincentives to the transfer of scientific, technical, and business personnel among the contractor-operated National Laboratory or facilities.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 18, 2001:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- **Feb 6, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 6, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1079-1080)
- **Feb 6, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1080-1082)