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John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 14, 2001)

John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act of 2001 - Amends the National Environmental Education Act to revise, reauthorize, and rename it as the John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act (the Act).

Revises requirements relating to: (1) the Office of Environmental Education (OEE), within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and (2) environmental education grants.

Replaces current OEE-administered environmental internships and fellowships with a John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, which shall award and administer five annual one-year graduate education fellowships in environmental sciences and public policy.

Directs the National Environmental Education Advisory Council to administer the John H. Chafee Fellowship Panel.

Revises requirements for national environmental education awards. Retains and revises requirements for: (1) President's Environmental Youth Awards; and (2) environmental education awards for elementary and secondary school teachers and their local educational agencies. (Eliminates awards named for Theodore Roosevelt, Henry David Thoreau, Rachel Carson, and Gifford Pinchot.)

Revises requirements for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council and the Federal Task Force on Environmental Education.

Revises and renames the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation as the National Environmental Learning Foundation.

Establishes the Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Stewardship Grant Program. Directs OEE to award and administer such competitive, 75-percent-matching grants to consortia of institutions of higher education for collaborative student, campus, and community-based environmental stewardship activities.

Actions Timeline

- May 14, 2001: Introduced in Senate
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