

## S 3724

EPSCoR Research and Competitiveness Act of 2006

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 25, 2006
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 25, 2006
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 25, 2006
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 25, 2006
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 26, 2006
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Aug 3, 2006
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 5, 2006
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 5, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

EPSCoR Research and Competitiveness Act of 2006 - Authorizes appropriations for FY2007-FY2011 to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

Requires the Director of the NSF: (1) in the administration of the NSF's research infrastructure improvement grant program, to authorize states participating in the grant program to include partnership with out-of-state research institutions if the amount of funding transferred to another state does not exceed 5% of the amount of the grant in any fiscal year; and (2) from the amounts appropriated pursuant to this Act, to make available specified amounts for FY2007-FY2011 to such grant program.

Requires the Director to obligate and spend not less than 20% of the amount available for EPSCoR on co-funding projects that are ranked by a peer-review process in the top 20% of all proposals submitted in response to an announced competition. Requires the submission of annual reports providing information concerning: (1) co-funded projects on a state-by-state basis; and (2) the amount and use of co-funding by each of the NSF's directorates.

Requires the Director: (1) through the Office of Cyber Infrastructure, to develop and publish a plan enabling states participating in EPSCoR to develop partnerships and participate fully in the NSF's Cyber Infrastructure Initiative; and (2) through the Office of Major Research Instrumentation, to develop and publish a plan enabling states participating in EPSCoR to develop partnerships and participate fully in the NSF's major research instrumentation program.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 25, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8201)
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.