

HR 4540

Fair Funding for Schools Act

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Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

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Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Boyda, Nancy E. [D-KS-2]	D · KS		Dec 17, 2007
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Dec 17, 2007
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Dec 19, 2007
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2008
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Feb 12, 2008
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Apr 9, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Fair Funding for Schools Act - Amends the Impact Aid program (which compensates local educational agencies (LEAs) for the financial burden of federal activities affecting their areas) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to alter the formula for determining the payments due LEAs for federal ownership of property when appropriations for a fiscal year are insufficient to provide them with full compensation.

Alters the formula for determining the payments due LEAs for eligible federally-connected children.

Includes not only children in average daily attendance, but also those enrolled pursuant to a state open enrollment policy. Continues an LEA's eligibility for such payments while activities associated with military base closures and realignments or force structure changes or relocations are ongoing. Allows the calculation of such payments using current student counts instead of prior fiscal year data when LEAs experience a specified influx of new students due to federal activities.

Alters the formula for determining the construction payments due LEAs that are eligible for other Impact Aid payments.

Divides 80% of the construction funds evenly between LEAs impacted by military dependent children and LEAs impacted by children residing on Indian lands, with the remainder reserved for emergency repair and modernization grants to LEAs serving Indian lands or experiencing a specified influx of new students due to federal activities.

Alters the formula for determining whether a state's plan for equalizing assistance to its LEAs will except it from the prohibition on state aid to LEAs being affected by Impact Aid payments.

Requires new LEAs applying for Impact Aid to have boundaries established by state law and the authority to tax or receive an imputed local tax.

Reauthorizes appropriations for the Impact Aid program.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 5, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2563)
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.