

HR 6263

Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

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Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 12, 2008
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Related Bills

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110 HR 6314	Related bill	Sep 27, 2008: Hearing Held by Subcommittee on Research and Science Education Prior to Indroduction and Referral (05/08/2008)..

Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Act of 2008 - Requires the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to develop a policy for federal science agencies to carry out a program of workshops that educate specified federally funded researchers about methods that minimize the effects of gender bias in evaluation, including of federal research grants, for hiring, tenure, and promotion, and for selection for any other honor based on academic merit.

Requires the support of at least one workshop every two years among the federal science agencies in the major science and engineering disciplines.

Authorizes federal science agencies to carry out such program by making grants to eligible organizations as described in this Act.

Requires the Director to transmit a report evaluating such program's impact in reducing gender bias towards women engaged in research funded by the federal government.

Requires the Director to develop a policy to extend research grant support and provide interim technical support for federally funded researchers who are caregivers. Requires transmission of a copy of such policy to specified congressional committees.

Requires federal science agencies to collect specified standardized annual data for all applications for research and development grants to institutions of higher education and to submit the data collected to the National Science Foundation (NSF). Makes the NSF responsible for storing and publishing all such grant data.

Requires annual publication of a list of the institutions of higher education science and engineering departments represented by individuals who attend the workshops described above.

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