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Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 23, 2007
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 13, 2008
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 13, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 31, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1687	Identical bill	Jun 27, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2007)

Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2007 - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of Commerce to make competitive grants to court reporting systems meeting certain requirements to promote recruitment, training, and placement of individuals, including individuals who have completed a court reporting training program, as realtime writers providing closed captioning in video programming. Sets forth priorities in making grants. Limits each grant to\$1.5 million for a two-year period.

(Sec. 4) Sets forth grant application requirements.

(Sec. 5) Allows grant funds to be used for recruitment, scholarships, distance learning, developing and implementing both English and Spanish curricula, mentoring, encouraging individuals with disabilities to pursue a career in realtime writing, and employment of personnel for all those purposes.

(Sec. 6) Sets forth reporting requirements.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 8) Repeals this Act five years after enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with amendments. With written report No. 110-138.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 291.
- **Apr 25, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2180)
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.