

## S 1183

Haiti Reforestation Act of 2010

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 4, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 17, 2009
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Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Jul 6, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 26, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 3, 2009
Sen. Kirk, Paul Grattan, Jr. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 6, 2009
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 17, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 20, 2010
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 23, 2010
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 3, 2010
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 14, 2010
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 14, 2010
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2010
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 21, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 19, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4206	Related bill	Dec 3, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**Haiti Reforestation Act of 2010 - Title I: Forestation and Watershed Management Assistance to Government of Haiti**  
- (Sec. 101) Authorizes the President to provide the government of Haiti with financial assistance, technology transfers, or capacity building assistance to reduce deforestation and increase afforestation and reforestation.

Conditions assistance upon development and implementation of a proposal by the government of Haiti which may include: (1) provision of technologies and associated support for activities to reduce deforestation or increase afforestation and reforestation rates; (2) enhancement of governmental and nongovernmental institutional capacity to design and implement a proposal; (3) development and support of institutional capacity to measure and verify deforestation reduction and afforestation and reforestation activities; and (4) development of, and coordination with, watershed restoration programs.

Requires the President, in cooperation with the government of Haiti, to develop proposal performance metrics.

Sets forth reporting requirements.

Authorizes the President to provide financial and other assistance to the government of Haiti, local government bodies, or nongovernmental organizations to: (1) provide local communities with information relating to each policy and initiative to be carried out by the government of Haiti; (2) promote effective participation by local communities in the design, implementation, and monitoring of each policy and initiative; and (3) promote enhanced watershed governance, national planning, and community action programs.

**Title II: Grants for Reforestation** - (Sec. 201) Authorizes the President to establish a grant program to carry out the purposes of this Act, including reversing deforestation and improving reforestation and afforestation in Haiti.

Limits a grant to three years and not more than \$500,000 per year, with an exception if the President determines that the recipient has demonstrated prior project success.

States that a grant application should be consistent with the 2007 United States Agency for International Development (USAID) report "Environmental Vulnerability in Haiti: Findings and Recommendations."

Gives preference to applicants that propose to: (1) develop market-based solutions to reforestation in Haiti, including the use of conditional cash transfers and similar financial incentives to protect reforestation efforts; (2) partner with local communities and cooperatives; and (3) focus on efforts that build local capacity to sustain post-grant project growth.

(Sec. 202) Amends the the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to: (1) direct USAID to invite the government of Haiti to submit a list of areas in which tropical forests are seriously degraded or threatened; and (2) authorize USAID to make pilot program grants to nongovernmental organizations to purchase discounted commercial debt of the government of Haiti in exchange for government commitments to restore identified forests or to develop plans for their sustainable use.

Terminates grant authority five years after the date of enactment of this Act. Permits grant authority to be renewed for one additional five-year period upon a specified USAID certification to Congress.

**Title III: Administrative Provision** - (Sec. 301) Authorizes the President to delegate authorities and duties under this Act to the Administrator of USAID or the Secretary of State.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 18, 2010:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 111-352.
- **Nov 18, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 649.
- **Sep 21, 2010:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6191-6193)