

HR 1240

Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act

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Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 21, 2009
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Jun 4, 2009

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Rep. Maffei, Daniel B. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jul 15, 2009
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-17]	D · TX		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 3, 2010
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 4, 2010
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Feb 23, 2010
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Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		May 4, 2010
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 11, 2010
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Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 25, 2010
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 8, 2010
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Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jun 28, 2010
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 29, 2010
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Jul 14, 2010
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 15, 2010
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 19, 2010
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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 23, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2009)

Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a geography education grant program under title II, Teacher Quality Enhancement.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award a grant to a national nonprofit educational organization or consortium, with 75% to be used for subgrants to institutions of higher education associated with state geographic alliances, nonprofit educational organizations, or state or local educational agencies.

Requires various grantee and subgrantee activities designed to expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students by improving their teachers' professional development programs offered through institutions of higher education. Includes among such activities state-based conferences to assess geographic literacy and identify improvement strategies.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E493)
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.