HR 1464

Learning Opportunities With Creation of Open Source Textbooks (LOW COST) Act of 2009

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications
Introduced: Mar 12, 2009
Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 14, 2009
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2009)

Learning Opportunities With Creation of Open Source Textbooks (LOW COST) Act of 2009 - Requires each federal agency that expends more than $10 million in a fiscal year on scientific education and outreach to use at least 2% of such funds for collaboration on the development and implementation of open source materials as an educational outreach effort.

Directs such agencies, under the joint guidance of the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Secretary of Energy (DOE), to collaborate with each other or with any federally supported laboratory or university-based research program to develop, implement, and establish procedures for checking the veracity, accuracy, and educational effectiveness of open source materials that: (1) contain a comprehensive set of textbooks or other educational materials covering topics in college-level physics, chemistry, or math; (2) such agencies post on a Federal Open Source Material Website, which shall be available to the public without charge; (3) are updated prior to each academic year with the latest research and information ; and (4) are free of copyright violations.

Requires the Director and the Secretary to award joint grants to eligible entities to: (1) develop and implement such open source materials; and (2) evaluate and report to the Director and Secretary on the materials produced.

Actions Timeline

- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Mar 17, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Science and Technology
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor

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