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Faster FOIA Act of 2010

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. (May 6, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 24, 2010
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 12, 2010
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 15, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 19, 2010
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 5087	Related bill	May 26, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives.

Faster FOIA Act of 2010 - Establishes the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays to conduct a study to: (1) identify methods that will help reduce delays in processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to federal agencies; (2) ensure the efficient and equitable administration of FOIA throughout the federal government; (3) examine whether the system for charging fees for such requests and granting waivers of such fees needs to be reformed; (4) determine why the government's use of FOIA exemptions increased during FY2009, whether the increase contributed to delays, what efforts were made by federal agencies to comply with President Obama's January 21, 2009 Presidential Memorandum on Freedom of Information Act Requests, and whether those efforts were successful; and (5) make recommendations on how the use of exemptions may be limited.

Directs the Commission to report to Congress and the President on the results of the study not later than one year after enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **May 6, 2010:** Received in the House.
- **May 6, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 6, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
- **May 5, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S3289-3291; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S3289-3290)
- **May 5, 2010:** The committee reported amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 5, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S3290-3291)
- **May 5, 2010:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S3290-3291)
- **Apr 19, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with amendments. Without written report.
- **Apr 19, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 350.
- **Apr 15, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 15, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1517-1518)
- **Mar 15, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1518)