

## HR 4913

### Free Speech About Science Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Mar 23, 2010)

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Mar 23, 2010 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Free Speech About Science Act of 2010 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow food producers to make a disease or health-related claim about a food if such claim is based on legitimate scientific research. Requires such a claim to: (1) be stated so that it is an accurate, balanced summary of such research and enables the public to comprehend the information provided in the claim and the relative significance of such information in the context of a total daily diet; and (2) identify each party that funded research to support the claim.

Allows a disease or health-related statement for a dietary supplement if: (1) the statement claims to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent a specific disease or class of diseases, based on legitimate scientific research; (2) the manufacturer of the supplement has substantiation that such statement is truthful and not misleading; and (3) the health claim includes a citation to the research supporting such claim and identifies each party that funded such research.

Prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) from restricting the distribution of information that is not false or misleading and that is based on legitimate scientific research in connection with the sale of food.

## **Actions Timeline**

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