

## HR 6003

### National Fab Lab Network Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jul 30, 2010

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation. (Aug 10, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/6003>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-14]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 28, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2010
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 10, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Fab Lab Network Act of 2010 - Establishes the National Fab Lab Network (NFLN), as a non-profit entity, to facilitate the construction of a network of connected labs.

Defines "Fab Lab" or "Fabrication Laboratory" to mean a facility containing a variety of manufacturing and other fabrication tools operable by digital input as well as the software and computers required to design and operate those tools. States that these labs serve a broad range of purposes, but each allow for how members of the local community, businesses, and academic or educational purposes can be pursued with the lab's resources.

Authorizes and empowers the NFLN to receive real or personal property and to hold it absolutely or in trust, and to invest, reinvest, and manage it, and to apply such property and the income arising therefrom to the objects of its creation and according to the instructions of its donors.

Sets forth the functions of the NFLN.

Requires the NFLN to: (1) facilitate the construction of a new type of information and digital fabrication infrastructure; and (2) promote the goals of greater science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, workforce development in manufacturing and product design, increased innovation in the private sector, as well as scientific and academic discovery through the use of distributed digital fabrication tools.

Permits acceptance by the NFLN of donations from private individuals, corporations, government agencies, or other organizations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 10, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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.
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to House Science and Technology