

## S 749

### Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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## Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 31, 2009
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Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 21, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 21, 2009
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 7, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 7, 2009
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 7, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		May 20, 2009
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jun 8, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 24, 2009
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 6, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 15, 2009
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Nov 2, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 23, 2010
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 1, 2010
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jul 15, 2010
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 29, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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 matching subgrants to institutions of higher education associated with state geographic alliances, nonprofit educational organizations, or state or local educational agencies.

Requires program participants to use their grants and subgrants to enhance the geographic literacy of students in kindergarten through grade 12 by supporting specified activities, including: (1) educational research; (2) teacher training; (3) the development of effective teaching tools and learning materials; (4) the application of rigorous academic standards and assessment techniques; (5) comparative studies of world cultures, economies, and environments; and (6) the exchange of information regarding the state of geographic literacy and strategies for its improvement.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 31, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4072-4073)
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.