

S 2146

Patent Fee Integrity Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 13, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

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| Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK] | R · OK | | Mar 13, 2014 |
| Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ] | R · AZ | | Mar 13, 2014 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Mar 13, 2014 |
| Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY] | R · WY | | Apr 7, 2014 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 13, 2014 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 HR 3349 | Related bill | Jan 9, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. |

Patent Fee Integrity Act - Establishes in the Treasury the United States Patent and Trademark Office Innovation Promotion Fund (Innovation Promotion Fund) to be used as a revolving fund by the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) without fiscal year limitation.

Requires to be credited to or deposited in the Innovation Promotion Fund: (1) appropriations for defraying the costs of USPTO activities; (2) fees collected under federal patent and trademark laws; and (3) any available unobligated balances remaining in the Patent and Trademark Office Appropriation Account and in the Patent and Trademark Fee Reserve Fund. (Replaces the Patent and Trademark Office Appropriation Account, eliminates the Patent and Trademark Fee Reserve Fund, and provides a source of permanent funding for the USPTO.)

Requires fees collected by the Director to remain available to the Director until expended.

Makes the Public Enterprise Fund available to cover: (1) ordinary and reasonable administrative, operating, and other expenses incurred by the Director for the continued operation of USPTO services, programs, activities, and duties relating to patents and trademarks; and (2) expenses incurred pursuant to obligations, representations, or other commitments of the USPTO.

Requires the Director, on an annual basis, to: (1) report to Congress with operation and spending plans for the current and next fiscal year, including financial details and staff levels broken down by each major activity; (2) provide for an independent audit of USPTO financial statements; and (3) submit a budget to the President.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 13, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1658-1661)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.