

HR 2919

Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 7, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 1, 2013
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Aug 1, 2013
Rep. Garcia, Joe [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Aug 1, 2013
Rep. Daines, Steve [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Oct 16, 2013
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Oct 16, 2013
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 13, 2014
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 13, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 4, 2014
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 7, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2770	Related bill	Jul 31, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act - Amends the Equal Access to Justice Act and the federal judicial code to require the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States to report to Congress annually on the amount of fees and other expenses awarded to prevailing parties other than the United States in certain administrative proceedings and civil action court cases (excluding tort cases) to which the United States is a party, including settlement agreements.

Requires that such reports: (1) describe the number, nature, and amount of the awards, the claims involved in the controversy, and any other relevant information that may aid Congress in evaluating the scope and impact of such awards; and (2) be made available to the public online.

Directs the Chairman to create and maintain online a searchable database containing specified information with respect to each award including the name of the agency involved, the name of each party to whom the award was made, the amount of the award, and the basis for finding that the position of the agency concerned was not substantially justified.

Directs the head of each agency (including, with respect to court cases, the Attorney General [DOJ] and the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts) to provide the Chairman all information requested to produce such reports.

Actions Timeline

- **May 7, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 6, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 113-434.
- **May 6, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 322.
- **May 6, 2014:** Mr. Chabot moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 6, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3430-3433)
- **May 6, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2919.
- **May 6, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3430-3431)
- **May 6, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3430-3431)
- **Feb 5, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 5, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 4, 2014:** Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice Discharged.
- **Oct 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.