

## HR 5544

Low-Dose Radiation Research Act of 2014

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 18, 2014

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Nov 18, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/5544>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Broun, Paul C. [R-GA-10]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Nov 13, 2014
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Nov 14, 2014
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Nov 14, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2014
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 18, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4159	Related bill	<b>Jun 13, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
113 HR 4869	Related bill	<b>Jun 13, 2014:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

## Summary (as of Nov 17, 2014)

Low-Dose Radiation Research Act of 2014 - Requires the Director of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science to carry out a research program on low dose radiation to enhance the scientific understanding of and reduce uncertainties associated with the effects of exposure to low dose radiation.

Requires the Director to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study assessing the current status and development of a long-term strategy for low dose radiation research.

Requires such study to:

- identify current scientific challenges for understanding the long-term effects of ionizing radiation,
- assess the status of current low dose radiation research,
- formulate overall scientific goals for the future of low-dose radiation research,
- recommend a long-term strategic and prioritized research agenda to address scientific research goals for overcoming the identified scientific challenges in coordination with other research efforts,
- define the essential components of a research program that would address this research agenda within the universities and the National Laboratories, and
- assess the effectiveness of such a program.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to deliver to Congress a five-year research plan that responds to the study's findings and recommendations and identifies and prioritizes research needs.

Makes DOE's limitation on human research inapplicable to research under this Act.

## Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Mr. Broun (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8011-8012)
- **Nov 17, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5544.
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8011)
- **Nov 17, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8011)
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.