

HR 1030

Secret Science Reform Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (28 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 27, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 19, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 2, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 544	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 124.
114 HRES 138	Procedurally related	Mar 17, 2015: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on March 2, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating a covered action unless all scientific and technical information relied on to support such action is the best available science, specifically identified, and publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research results. A covered action includes a risk, exposure, or hazard assessment, criteria document, standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact analysis, or guidance. Scientific and technical information includes: (1) materials, data, and associated protocols necessary to understand, assess, and extend conclusions; (2) computer codes and models involved in the creation and analysis of the information; (3) recorded factual materials; and (4) detailed descriptions of how to access and use the information.

This Act may not be construed as requiring the EPA to disseminate scientific and technical information, or superseding any nondiscretionary statutory requirement.

The EPA may not spend more than \$1 million per fiscal year on carrying out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 138. (consideration: CR H1733-1748)
- **Mar 18, 2015:** For each measure, resolution provides one hour of general debate; makes specified amendments in order; and allows a motion to recommit, with or without instructions.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 138 and Rule XVIII.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Garret Graves to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1030.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 138, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Edwards Part B amendment No. 1.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Edwards amendment No. 1, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Edwards demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 138, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Kennedy Part B amendment No. 2.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Kennedy amendment No. 2, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Kennedy demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1030.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H1746)
- **Mar 18, 2015:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** Mr. Takai moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. (consideration: CR H1746-1748; text: CR H1746)
- **Mar 18, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Takai motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a new section at the end of the bill pertaining to protecting taxpayers from science promoted by polluting companies, pending a reservation of a point of order. Subsequently, the reservation was removed.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H1747)
- **Mar 18, 2015:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 181 - 239 (Roll no. 124).
- **Mar 18, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 175 (Roll no. 125).(text: CR H1742)
- **Mar 18, 2015:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 175 (Roll no. 125). (text: CR H1742)
- **Mar 18, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Rule H. Res. 138 passed House.
- **Mar 3, 2015:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 138 Reported to House. For each measure, resolution provides one hour of general debate; makes specified amendments in order; and allows a motion to recommit, with or without instructions.
- **Mar 2, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 114-34.
- **Mar 2, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 23.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 11.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.