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21st Century Energy Workforce Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 19, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2012	Related bill	**Sep 8, 2016:** Conference held.
114 HR 3386	Identical bill	**Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
114 S 2089	Related bill	**Sep 29, 2015:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.

Summary (as of May 12, 2015)

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This bill directs the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish a National Center of Excellence for the 21st Century Workforce Advisory Board to: (1) support and develop training and science education programs, (2) align apprenticeship programs and industry certifications to further develop succession planning in the energy sector, (3) integrate educational standards to develop foundational skills for elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education to create a pipeline between education and career, and (4) support the replication of existing model energy curricula.

DOE shall also establish a pilot program to award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for job training to obtain an industry-recognized credential.

Grant amounts are limited to $1 million for any one year. The federal share of the cost of a job training and education program using a grant shall be up to 65%, while the non-federal share may not be less than 50% cash.

Actions Timeline

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- **May 12, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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