

## S 523

A bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools.

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Feb 12, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 12, 2015
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 12, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 5, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 30, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2012	Related bill	Sep 8, 2016: Conference held.
114 S 720	Related bill	Sep 9, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 210.
114 HR 2177	Related bill	Aug 18, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
114 S 1	Related bill	Mar 4, 2015: Message on Senate action sent to the House.

This bill amends the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to direct the Department of Energy (DOE), acting through the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, to act as the lead federal agency for coordinating and disseminating information on existing federal programs and assistance that may be used to help initiate, develop, and finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy retrofitting projects for schools.

DOE must:

- carry out a review of existing programs and financing mechanisms available in or from appropriate federal agencies with jurisdiction over energy financing and facilitation that are currently used or may be used for such purposes;
- establish a federal cross-departmental collaborative coordination, education, and outreach effort to streamline communication and promote available federal opportunities and assistance for such projects that enables states, local educational agencies, and schools to use existing federal opportunities more effectively and to form partnerships with appropriate entities to support project initiation;
- provide technical assistance for states, local educational agencies, and schools to help develop and finance projects that meet specified requirements;
- develop and maintain a single online resource website with contact information for relevant technical assistance and support staff in the Office for states, local educational agencies, and schools to effectively access and use federal opportunities and assistance to develop such projects; and
- establish a process for recognition of schools that have successfully implemented such projects and are willing to serve as resources for other local educational agencies and schools to assist initiation of similar efforts.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 30, 2015:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-166.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.