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Timber Innovation Act of 2016

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2016
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2892	Related bill	**Apr 28, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of Jul 6, 2016)

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This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a performance-driven research and development program to advance tall wood building construction in the United States.

"Tall wood building" means a building designed to be over 85 feet high and constructed with large panelized wood construction (mass timber), including cross-laminated timber, nail laminated timber, glue laminated timber, laminated strand lumber, and laminated veneer lumber.

USDA shall for FY2017-FY2021 carry out an annual competition for a tall wood building design in accordance with the requirements for prize competitions carried out under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

In carrying out a wood innovation grant program, USDA may make a wood innovation grant to one or more specified eligible entities in order to accelerate the adoption of emerging technologies in the development of innovative wood products for tall wood building construction.

USDA shall give priority to grant proposals which include the use or retrofitting (or both) of existing sawmill facilities in counties where the average annual unemployment rate exceeded the national average by more than 1% in the previous year.

USDA shall carry out a program of education and technical assistance for mass timber applications.

USDA shall collaborate and partner with one or more nonfederal entities, including governments of other countries, to:

- enhance tall wood building commercialization of the United States,
- develop technical assistance related to tall wood building commercialization, and
- carry out the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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