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Timber Innovation Act of 2017

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Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jun 28, 2018
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Dec 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-334.
115 S 3042	Related bill	Jun 18, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 470.
115 S 538	Identical bill	Mar 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of Mar 7, 2017)

Timber Innovation Act of 2017

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA), acting through the Research and Development and the State and Private Forestry deputy areas of the Forest Service, to conduct performance-driven research and development, education, and technical assistance to facilitate the use of innovative wood products in wood building construction in the United States. Such activities shall give priority to: (1) improving the commercialization of such products, (2) analyzing the safety of tall wood building materials, (3) calculating and reducing the life cycle environmental footprint of tall wood building construction, and (4) analyzing the potential implications of the use of innovative wood products in building construction on wildlife.

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

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

The Forest Service, in carrying out a wood innovation grant program, may make grants to advance the use of innovative wood products, with priority to grant proposals that include the use or retrofitting of existing sawmill facilities in counties where the average annual unemployment rate exceeded the national average by more than 1% in the previous year.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 7, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2017:** 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.