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BEST Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4231	Identical bill	Nov 21, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

Better Evaluation of Science and Technology Act or the BEST Act

This bill requires a federal agency, to the extent it is making a decision based on science when issuing a rule, to use scientific information, technical procedures, methods, protocols, methodologies, or models in a manner that is consistent with the best available science and the intended use of the information, based on the weight of the scientific evidence.

Each federal agency shall make available to the public: (1) all of its notices, determinations, findings, rules, consent agreements, and orders in connection with a rule; (2) a nontechnical summary of each risk evaluation conducted in connection with a rule; and (3) a list of the studies considered by the agency in carrying out each evaluation, along with the results of those studies.

Actions Timeline

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