

HR 1731

BEST Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4] | D · MA | | Nov 5, 2021 |
| Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6] | D · WA | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8] | D · MA | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2] | D · MA | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5] | D · MN | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2] | D · NC | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18] | D · CA | | Feb 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17] | D · CA | | Feb 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3] | D · IL | | Mar 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1] | D · NM | | Apr 7, 2022 |
| Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7] | D · GA | | Jun 7, 2022 |
| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9] | D · IL | | Sep 13, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Mar 10, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 680 | Identical bill | Mar 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Biliteracy Education Seal and Teaching Act or the BEST Act

This bill directs the Department of Education to award renewable two-year grants to states to establish or improve, and carry out, Seal of Biliteracy programs to recognize student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language.

Further, these programs must allow speakers of any official Native American language to use equivalent proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in such language in lieu of proficiency in English.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
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