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BEST Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 10, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 10, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 11, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 31, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 17, 2022
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1731	Identical bill	Mar 10, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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

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