

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 641

To amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Federal laboratories to aid surrounding communities in improving their efforts in science education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BEAUPREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Laboratory
5 Educational Partners Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) Federal laboratories, especially the Depart-
2 ment of Energy’s national laboratories, with their
3 high concentrations of scientists and engineers, are
4 uniquely positioned to aid surrounding communities
5 in improving the learning experience of their stu-
6 dents;

7 (2) Federal laboratories’ science, mathematics,
8 and engineering education programs prepare stu-
9 dents for laboratory research internships and fellow-
10 ships, make researchers available as science mentors,
11 sponsor competitions and awards programs, and
12 hold special events to provide hands-on learning ex-
13 periences for students at all educational levels;

14 (3) Federal laboratories also provide for teacher
15 research participation and leadership and instruc-
16 tional development, as well as curricula enrichment
17 and alignment with State and national standards;

18 (4) the royalty streams from the licensing of
19 Federal laboratory inventions arising from federally
20 funded research and research done under coopera-
21 tive research and development agreements are sub-
22 stantial and growing; and

23 (5) permitting a portion of those royalty
24 streams to be spent on efforts by laboratory employ-

1 ees related to science education is an appropriate
2 and worthwhile use of that money.

3 **SEC. 3. DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES RECEIVED BY FED-**
4 **ERAL AGENCIES.**

5 Section 14(a)(1)(B)(v) of the Stevenson-Wydler
6 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
7 3710c(a)(1)(B)(v)), is amended to read as follows:

8 “(v) for scientific research and develop-
9 ment and for educational assistance and other
10 purposes consistent with the missions and ob-
11 jectives of the Department of Energy and the
12 laboratory.”.

13 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
14 **AGREEMENTS.**

15 Section 12(b)(5)(C) of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
16 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
17 3710a(b)(5)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

18 “(C) for scientific research and development
19 and for educational assistance consistent with the
20 missions and objectives of the Department of Energy
21 and the laboratory.”.

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