

Science integrity bill introduced that will mandate agency science integrity policies

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On February 7, Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) introduced a bill (S.338) to establish scientific integrity policies within all federal research agencies. The bill's stated goal is to ensure scientific data is made available to the public, agencies, and policymakers.

The Science Integrity Act would require all federal research agencies to emplace and establish scientific integrity policies. These policies contain provisions for whistleblower protections, the scientific review of documents by published and esteemed scientists, and ensure agency research is freely available and independent of political motives.

The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

A companion bill was introduced (H.R.1358) in the house by Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20) on March 2. It is under review by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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