



Sunset Caucus

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate Ineffective and Unnecessary Federal Education Programs

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Program or Item Targeted: H.R. 1891, sponsored by Rep. Duncan Hunter (CA-52) would eliminate 43 ineffective, duplicative, or unnecessary federal education programs run throughout the Departments of Education, Labor, HHS, as well as the EPA, and other federal agencies.

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: Under current law, the Department of Education operates more than 80 programs tied to K-12 classrooms. The Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act would eliminate 43 unnecessary programs, thereby streamlining federal education funding and protecting taxpayer dollars from being wasted on ineffective initiatives.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: In order to keep America's students and schools competitive in the 21st century, we must focus resources on programs that work and directly serve students. At a time when approximately one-third of American fourth graders can't read, we must concentrate on education initiatives that have a track record of putting the needs of students first.

Federal education spending has more than quadrupled since 1980, but student achievement levels remain stagnant. Clearly, the problem is not how much money is spent on education, but how the money is spent. Currently, far too many taxpayer dollars are dedicated to ineffective, redundant K-12 programs. Rep. Hunter's legislation will reduce the federal role in education and help set the stage for increased flexibility on the state and local level.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: Rep. Duncan Hunter (CA-52) has introduced H.R. 1891, the Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act. The Priorities in Education Spending Act cuts 43 inefficient, unnecessary, and wasteful education programs from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. By permanently eliminating 43 wasteful programs, this legislation will allow taxpayer dollars to be put toward programs that have a proven track record of putting student needs first based on local communities' priorities. To cosponsor this legislation, please contact Brad Thomas (brad.thomas@mail.house.gov) with the Committee staff at 5-6558. More information about this legislation can be [found here](#).

If you would like to participate in eliminating wasteful programs with the RSC Sunset Caucus please e-mail Curtis.Rhyne@mail.house.gov.
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