

## HR 1550

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to improve the commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Apr 1, 2003

**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (Sep 29, 2004)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2003
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Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2003

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### Related Bills

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### Summary (as of Apr 1, 2003)

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to make grants: (1) to improve the commercial value of forest biomass to produce electric energy, sensible heat, transportation fuels, or substitutes for petroleum-based products; and (2) to develop or research opportunities to improve the use of, or add value to, biomass, with preference given to preferred communities (as defined by this Act).

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 29, 2004:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Apr 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Apr 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, and Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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