

HR 5926

Freedom through Renewable Energy Expansion (FREE) Act

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Aug 16, 2006)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 7, 2006
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 16, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Freedom through Renewable Energy Expansion (FREE) Act - Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal provisions regarding: (1) next generation nuclear plant project; (2) standby support for certain nuclear plant delays; and (3) incentives for oil and gas production from federal lands.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to repeal: (1) the credit for production from advanced nuclear power facilities; (2) the election to expense certain refineries; (3) treatment of natural gas distribution lines as 15-year property; (4) treatment of natural gas gathering lines as seven-year property; (5) the rule for determining the small refiner exception to the oil depletion deduction; and (6) the amortization of geological and geophysical expenditures

Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to repeal the suspension of: (1) offshore royalties pertaining to the Planning Areas offshore Alaska; and (2) the royalty with respect to the national petroleum reserve in Alaska.

Directs the President to suspend the application of federal law granting relief from royalty payments for production of oil or natural gas from federal lands occurring within specified periods.

Amends federal transportation law to direct the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate certain average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles manufactured after model year 2008.

Amends the IRC to extend the credit for: (1) renewable electricity production; (2) solar energy property, qualified fuel cell property, and geothermal property; and (3) residential energy efficient property.

Allows a tax credit for wind energy property installed in residences and businesses.

Authorizes appropriations for geothermal research.

Amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to prescribe a federal renewable portfolio standard.

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to revise certain federal energy purchase requirements.

Instructs the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program for local schools and school districts to promote the use of renewable energy sources in school facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 16, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Aug 7, 2006:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Aug 7, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Aug 1, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .
- **Jul 27, 2006:** Introduced in House
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