

HR 6937

Department of Veterans Affairs Energy Sustainability Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Tech

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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. (Sep 18, 2008)

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Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Sep 18, 2008
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 18, 2008
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Sep 18, 2008
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		Sep 18, 2008
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Sep 18, 2008
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 22, 2008
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 18, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 18, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 18, 2008)

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Department of Veterans Affairs Energy Sustainability Act of 2008 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) implement in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) an energy sustainability program to minimize energy consumption and encourage the use of alternative energy sources; (2) establish and maintain a database to track and report on VA energy and water expenditures; (3) complete an audit of VA energy usage during FY2009; (4) ensure VA compliance with an Executive Order and VA Directive concerning energy efficiency goals and objectives; (5) install alternative fueling stations on at least 35 VA medical facility campuses; (6) submit to Congress a plan for increasing the use of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies in VA facilities and operations; (7) provide for the installation of individual electric sub-metering equipment at VA facilities; (8) ensure that energy-efficient products meeting VA requirements are purchased whenever the VA purchases items that consume electricity; and (9) conduct a study on water and fuel consumption by the National Cemetery Administration and ways to reduce such consumption.

Establishes in the VA: (1) an Office of Energy Management; and (2) the Advisory Committee on Energy Management and Sustainability.

Authorizes an increase in the dollar limit of VA grants for: (1) adaptive housing to encourage the use of high-efficiency systems and products or other energy-use reduction items; and (2) adaptive vehicles to encourage the purchase of alternative use vehicles.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Energy to enter into a memorandum of understanding to improve and facilitate the use of expertise of the national laboratories to evaluate energy- and water-efficient technologies for use by the VA.

Authorizes the Secretary to carry out a pilot program to sell economic incentives that reduce the emission of air pollutants attributable to a VA facility.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 18, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1836)
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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.