

## S 3079

### Building Star Energy Efficiency Act of 2010

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 4, 2010
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 4, 2010
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 4, 2010
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 4, 2010
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 4, 2010
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 26, 2010
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 6, 2010
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		May 24, 2010
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 19, 2010
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 22, 2010
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 22, 2010
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jul 26, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 11, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 5476	Related bill	May 28, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Building Star Energy Efficiency Act of 2010 - Establishes in the Department of Energy (DOE) the Building Star Energy Efficiency Rebate Program of 2010.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to issue rebates to building owners to offset a portion of the cost of purchasing and installing qualifying equipment or materials or undertaking qualifying services to enhance the energy efficiency of existing commercial buildings and multifamily residential buildings.

Prescribes rebates for the purchase and installation of qualifying: (1) insulation, windows, and qualified high-efficiency window films and screens; (2) new energy efficient equipment, such as boilers, furnaces, and water heaters; (3) unitary air conditioners and unitary heat pumps; (4) variable speed drives for motors; and (5) interior lighting.

Prescribes calculations for reductions in: (1) installed lighting power resulting from installation of qualified interior lighting; and (2) annual energy usage resulting from installation of qualified exterior lighting.

Prescribes calculations also for rebates for qualified: (1) replacement chillers; (2) qualifying services to enhance the energy efficiency of buildings; (3) energy-efficient building operation and maintenance training; (4) service on space heating equipment and cooling systems, (5) energy monitoring and management systems with analog controls; and (6) HVAC testing, balancing, and duct sealing.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish a Building Star Energy Efficiency Loan Program to make grants to states to support financial assistance provided by qualified program delivery entities for making energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to existing buildings that qualify under the Building Star energy retrofit program.

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to: (1) direct the Secretary to make guarantees for energy efficiency projects, including projects to retrofit residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, facilities, and equipment; and (2) authorize the Secretary, in the case of programs that finance such retrofitting, to offer loan guarantees for portfolios of debt obligations, and to purchase or make commitments to purchase portfolios of debt obligations.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 11, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1175)
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1175-1180)