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A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 12, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 27, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 27, 2009
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 22, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Aug 6, 2009
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 29, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to require a retail electric supplier to submit to the Secretary of Energy for calendar year 2012 and thereafter one or more of the following: (1) specified federal renewable energy credits; (2) certification of the renewable energy generated and electricity savings; and (3) specified alternative compliance payments.

Prescribes, for calendar years 2012 through 2039, a schedule of graduated annual percentages of a retail electric supplier's base amount that shall be generated from renewable energy resources.

Directs the Secretary to establish a program to: (1) verify and issue federal renewable energy credits to generators of renewable energy; (2) track the sale, exchange, and retirement of the credits; and (3) enforce the federal renewable energy credits program.

Directs the Secretary to issue a generator of electric energy one federal renewable energy credit for each kilowatt hour of electric energy generated by the use of a renewable energy resource at an eligible facility.

Prescribes rules for federal renewable energy credit trading, and for borrowing and repayment of borrowed federal renewable energy credits.

Retains the authority of a state or its political subdivision to: (1) adopt or enforce any law (including regulations) respecting renewable energy; or (2) regulate the acquisition and disposition of federal renewable energy credits by retail electric suppliers.

Permits an electric utility that has sales of electric energy subject to rate regulation to recover the full cost of renewable energy obtained to comply with this Act.

Directs the Secretary to arrange with the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate and report to Congress on the program established under this Act.

Establishes in the Treasury a state renewable energy account.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2245-2246)
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