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PURPA PLUS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Aug 2, 2011)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 2, 2011)

PURPA's Legislative Upgrade to State Authority Act or PURPA PLUS Act - Amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), with respect to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) authority to prescribe rules requiring electric utilities to offer to sell and purchase electric energy to and from any qualifying cogeneration or small power production facility.

Permits state regulatory authorities or nonregulated electric utilities, acting under state authority, to set rates exceeding the incremental cost of alternative electric energy for purchases from any such qualifying facility of up to two megawatts capacity. (Current law requires FERC to set rates that do not exceed the incremental cost to the electric utility of alternative electric energy.)

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 2, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5261-5262)
- **Aug 2, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.