

S 1491

A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 10, 2013
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 10, 2013
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 12, 2013
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 20, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 19, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3683	Related bill	Feb 5, 2014: Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 113-341, Part I.
113 HR 3677	Related bill	Dec 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

Amends the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, with respect to United States-Israel energy cooperation, to authorize the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to make grants to eligible applicants, including projects involving joint ventures of the U.S. and Israeli governments, to promote: (1) natural gas energy, including natural gas projects conducted by or in conjunction with the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation; (2) improvement of energy efficiency and the overall performance of water technologies through research and development in water desalination, wastewater treatment and reclamation, and other water treatment refineries; and (3) conventional and unconventional oil and gas technologies.

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements supporting and enhancing dialogue and planning involving international partnerships between DOE, including its National Laboratories, and the government of Israel and its ministries, offices, and institutions. Limits the federal share of costs under such agreements to 50%.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish a joint United States-Israel Center based in an area of the United States with the experience, knowledge, and expertise in offshore energy development to further collaboration to develop more robust academic cooperation in energy innovation technology and engineering, water science, technology transfer, and analysis of geopolitical implications of new natural resource development and associated areas.

Extends the grant program through FY2024.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden with amendments. Without written report.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 278.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6329-6330)
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6330)