

S 363

Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Feb 14, 2013
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 14, 2013
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2013
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 14, 2013
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 14, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 15, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 18, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2004	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2014: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on July 9, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013 - Amends the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to allow the Department of the Interior to award noncompetitive leases on up to 640 acres of federal land for geothermal development if: (1) the land is available for leasing and not already leased or nominated to be leased, (2) the lessee has a legal right to develop geothermal resources on land adjacent to the federal land that will be leased, (3) sufficient data was submitted to Interior to show there is a valid discovery of geothermal resources on the adjacent land and that the thermal feature extends into the adjoining federal land, and (4) the lessee has not previously received a noncompetitive lease for the discovery.

Requires Interior to lease the land at fair market value, publish a notice of any lease requests, and provide review of the final determination of fair market value.

Requires lessees to make annual rental payments equal to those required for lands that are leased competitively.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-709.
- **Dec 22, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 540.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 11, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 10, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 10, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 10, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Jul 9, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4355-4364; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S4359-4360; text as passed Senate: CR S4362)
- **Jul 9, 2014:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4355-4364; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S4359-4360; text as passed Senate: CR S4362)
- **Jul 15, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden without amendment. With written report No. 113-72.
- **Jul 15, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 129.
- **May 16, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S784)
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced in Senate: CR S784-785)