

## S 860

### Rural Energy Investment Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 6, 2013
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 6, 2013
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 6, 2013
Sen. Cowan, William M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 6, 2013
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 6, 2013
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 6, 2013
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 6, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 6, 2013
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 6, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 6, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2290	Related bill	Sep 24, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

Rural Energy Investment Act of 2013 - Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 regarding the biobased markets program to: (1) extend program funding through FY2018, (2) increase the number of categories of biobased products designated and individual biobased products eligible for preferred purchasing, and (3) provide for a program of biobased product education and promotion activities.

Amends the Rural Energy for America Program to: (1) extend Program funding through FY2018; (2) make nonprofit organizations eligible for assistance; (3) provide loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy system purchases, with a tiered loan and grant application process that reflects project cost; and (4) permit the combined amount of a grant and a loan guarantee to cover all eligible activity costs.

Extends funding through FY2018 for: (1) biorefinery assistance, (2) the biodiesel fuel education program, (3) biomass research and development, (4) the Rural Energy Self-Sufficiency Initiative, (5) the biomass crop assistance program, (6) the forest biomass for energy program, (7) the community wood energy program, and (8) the feedstock flexibility program for bioenergy producers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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