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Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1268	Related bill	Mar 15, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
114 S 720	Related bill	Sep 9, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 210.
114 HR 2177	Related bill	Aug 18, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
114 S 1706	Related bill	Jul 7, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
114 HR 906	Related bill	Jun 9, 2015: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 102.
114 S 535	Related bill	Apr 30, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-11.
114 S 1052	Related bill	Apr 30, 2015: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-166.
114 HR 1802	Related bill	Apr 17, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
114 HR 1867	Related bill	Apr 17, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
114 HR 873	Related bill	Feb 13, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

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Better Buildings Act of 2015

This bill requires the General Services Administration (GSA) to: (1) develop and publish model leasing provisions to encourage building owners and tenants to use greater cost-effective energy efficiency and water efficiency measures in commercial buildings, and (2) develop policies and best practices to implement the measures for the realty services provided by the GSA to federal agencies.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) to develop a voluntary Tenant Star program within the Energy Star program to recognize tenants of spaces in commercial buildings that voluntarily achieve high levels of energy efficiency. The EPA may develop a voluntary program to recognize commercial building owners and tenants that use high-performance energy efficiency measures in the design and construction of leased spaces.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended to prescribe additional energy conservation standards for grid-enabled water heaters for use as part of an electric thermal storage or demand response program, which is a program that enables customers to reduce or shift their power use during peak demand periods.

Energy Efficient Government Technology Act

The EISA is amended also to require: (1) each federal agency to coordinate with the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Energy (DOE), and the EPA to develop an implementation strategy for the maintenance, purchase, and use of energy-efficient and energy-saving information technologies; (2) DOE to maintain a data center energy practitioner program that leads to the certification of energy practitioners qualified to evaluate the energy usage and efficiency opportunities in federal data centers; and (3) DOE to establish an open data initiative to make information about federal data center energy usage available and accessible in a manner that encourages data center innovation, optimization, and consolidation.

DOE must maintain, and if necessary create, a database for storing and making available public energy-related information on commercial and multifamily buildings.

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