

## S 1713

Low-Income Solar Act

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

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### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2089	Related bill	<b>Sep 29, 2015:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.
114 HR 3041	Related bill	<b>Jul 17, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

## **Low-Income Solar Act**

This bill requires the Department of Energy to establish a loan and grant program for photovoltaic solar (a method of converting energy from the sun into electricity) installations in low-income and underserved areas for FY2016-FY2030.

Loans must be provided for: (1) community solar facilities that provide solar energy to low-income households, or (2) solar installations at federally subsidized affordable housing at multi-family complexes.

The community solar facilities must: (1) be owned by an organization of electricity consumers that own a share of the facility's solar electricity generation, (2) have a certain a nameplate rating (or power generation capacity), (3) be located in or near a community that uses the electricity generated by the facility, and (4) reserve at least 25% of the electricity generated for low-income households.

Grants must be given for: (1) solar electricity generating facilities installed on properties of eligible, low-income home owners; or (2) new solar projects for low-income households and individuals, including the costs of equipment and job training associated with solar projects.

## **Actions Timeline**

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