

HR 3041

Low-Income Solar Act

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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 17, 2015
Rep. Takai, Mark [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 9, 2015
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 28, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2089	Related bill	Sep 29, 2015: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.
114 S 1713	Related bill	Jul 7, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Jul 13, 2015)

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

- **Jul 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.