

HR 2371

Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: May 4, 2017

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Feb 8, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		May 4, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 4, 2017
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 4, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		May 4, 2017
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		May 4, 2017
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		May 4, 2017
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 4, 2017
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 4, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		May 4, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 4, 2017
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 13, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 8, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 18, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 930	Identical bill	Jul 31, 2018: By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-309.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2018)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for its customers.

WAPA must publicly display on its website specific information dating back to FY2008, including rates charged by power systems to customers for power and transmission services, the amount of capacity or energy sold by power systems, and a detailed accounting at the functional and budget activity level of all its expenditures and capital costs by region and for the headquarters office.

Additionally, WAPA must annually update the information it provides on the website, including the changes it publishes, the reasons for the changes, and the amount of the unobligated balances it retains at the end of the prior fiscal year within each marketing area and at headquarters.

The pilot project shall terminate in seven years.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H967)
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 2/5/2018 H749-750)
- **Feb 7, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 2/5/2018 H749-750)
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Mr. Gosar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H749-750)
- **Feb 5, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2371.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Gosar objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Aug 29, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-282.
- **Aug 29, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 202.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 18, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **May 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.