

## HR 4252

Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

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

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 14, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4426	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 HR 4568	Related bill	<b>Jan 9, 2018:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 375.
115 S 1460	Related bill	<b>Sep 19, 2017:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-485.

## **Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to allow the Department of the Interior to award noncompetitive leases on up to 640 acres of federal land for geothermal development if: (1) the land is available for leasing and not already leased or nominated to be leased, (2) the lessee has a legal right to develop geothermal resources on land adjacent to the federal land that will be leased, (3) sufficient data was submitted to Interior to show there is a valid discovery of geothermal resources on the adjacent land and that the thermal feature extends into the adjoining federal land, and (4) the lessee has not previously received a noncompetitive lease for the discovery.

Interior must lease the land at fair market value, publish a notice of any lease requests, and provide review of the final determination of fair market value.

Lessees must make annual rental payments equal to those required for lands that are leased competitively.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Nov 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.