

HR 4568

Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Jan 9, 2018

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4426	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 HR 4252	Related bill	Nov 14, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

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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 certain federal land for geothermal development.

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.

The bill exempts geothermal exploration test projects from complying with environmental review requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Interior must designate portions of certain federal land as geothermal leasing priority areas. The bill sets forth requirements for environmental review under NEPA with respect to the priority areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 9, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-502.
- **Jan 9, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 375.
- **Dec 13, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 13, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.