

HR 5906

ARPA-E Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jun 28, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		May 22, 2018
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		May 22, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		May 22, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 22, 2018
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		May 22, 2018
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 22, 2018
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		May 22, 2018
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		May 22, 2018
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		May 22, 2018
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Jun 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 28, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Markup By	May 23, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the America COMPETES Act to require the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) in the Department of Energy (DOE) to overcome the long-term and high-risk technological barriers in the development of transformative science and technology solutions to address energy, environmental, economic, and national security challenges. (Currently, ARPA-E must overcome barriers in the development of energy technologies.)

The bill expands the goals of ARPA-E to include the development of energy technologies that:

- provide transformative solutions to improve management of radioactive waste,
- improve the efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of energy production, and
- address other challenges within the mission of DOE.

The bill expands the responsibility of ARPA-E to accelerate novel early-stage research to include nonenergy research.

ARPA-E must:

- include a strategic vision roadmap in each annual report on energy technology projects or advanced technology projects, and
- ensure that it does not fund an advanced technology project unless the prospective grantee has demonstrated that it has sufficiently attempted to secure private financing or that such project is not independently commercially viable.

Specified categories of proprietary information collected by ARPA-E from award recipients shall be considered privileged and confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5779-5781)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5906.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5779)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5779)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 23, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 22, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.