

## HR 1479

### BTU Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Feb 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Feb 28, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1479>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 11, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jun 4, 2019
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 16, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 18, 2019
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Dec 10, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 628	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Biomass Thermal Utilization Act of 2019 or the BTU Act of 2019**

This bill expands the tax credit for residential energy efficient property to include 30% of qualified biomass fuel property expenditures for property placed in service before 2024. A *qualified biomass fuel property expenditure* is an expenditure for property that uses the burning of biomass fuel (a plant-derived fuel available on a renewable or recurring basis) to heat a dwelling used as a residence, or to heat water for use in such dwelling, and which has a thermal efficiency rating of at least 75%.

The bill also allows (1) a 15% energy tax credit until 2024 for investment in open-loop biomass heating property, including boilers or furnaces that operate at thermal output efficiencies of at least 65% and provide thermal energy in the form of heat, hot water, or steam for space heating, air conditioning, domestic hot water, or industrial process heat; and (2) a 30% credit until 2024 for investment in such property that operates at a thermal output efficiency of at least 80%.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
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