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Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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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 a database of specific information dating back to FY2008, including

- rates charged to customers for power and transmission services, listed by power system;
- the amount of capacity or energy sold by power system; and
- a detailed accounting of its expenditures and costs by region and for the headquarters office.

Additionally, WAPA must annually update the information it provides on the website. The updates must include specified details regarding changes to the information, the reasons for the changes, and the amount of unobligated balances retained.

The pilot project shall terminate in seven years.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 23, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski without amendment. With written report No. 116-142.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 262.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 20, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 20, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.