

## HR 7966

### La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Aug 7, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Sep 4, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7966>

## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 14, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 4, 2020
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4475	Identical bill	Sep 16, 2020: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-380.
116 HR 304	Related bill	Feb 5, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
116 S 54	Related bill	Jan 8, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act**

This bill directs the Department of the Interior, after receiving a request from La Paz County, Arizona, to convey approximately 4,800 acres of identified land managed by the Bureau of Land Management to the county.

Interior shall exclude from the conveyance any federal land that contains significant cultural, environmental, wildlife, or recreational resources.

As a condition of the conveyance, La Paz County and any subsequent owner shall

- make good faith efforts to avoid disturbing tribal artifacts;
- minimize impacts on tribal artifacts if they are disturbed;
- coordinate with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Tribal Historic Preservation Office to identify artifacts of cultural and historic significance; and
- allow tribal representatives to rebury unearthed artifacts at, or near, where they were discovered.

The federal land is withdrawn from the operation of U.S. mining and mineral leasing laws.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Sep 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Sep 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.