

HR 178

Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 13, 2023 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 21, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 8954 | Related bill | Sep 3, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry. |

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This bill sets forth provisions regarding development of geothermal, solar, or wind energy on public lands.

The Department of the Interior shall establish priority areas on its land for geothermal, solar, and wind energy projects, consistent with the principles of multiple use and the renewable energy permitting goal.

Among applications for a given renewable energy source, proposed projects located in priority areas for that renewable energy source shall

- be given the highest priority for incentivizing deployment, and
- be offered the opportunity to participate in any regional mitigation plan developed for the relevant priority areas.

The bill provides for the disposition of revenues from the development of wind or solar energy.

The bill establishes the Renewable Energy Resource Conservation Fund to make funds available to federal, state, and tribal agencies for distribution in regions in which renewable energy projects are located on federal land for (1) restoring and protecting natural water bodies and fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, and (2) preserving and improving recreational access to federal land and water in an affected region.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.