

S 947

Lower Energy Costs Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Mar 22, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1449	Related bill	Nov 20, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 7409	Related bill	Nov 18, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 2925	Related bill	May 9, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 1023	Related bill	Mar 22, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 HR 1121	Related bill	Mar 21, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 7176	Related bill	Feb 15, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 1281	Related bill	Dec 12, 2023: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-316.
118 HR 1130	Related bill	Sep 21, 2023: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 712 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, H.R. 1130 and H. Res. 684. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, under a structured rule; H.R. 1130, under a structured rule; and H.Res. 684, under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on all three bills.
118 HR 2623	Related bill	May 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
118 HR 2811	Related bill	May 4, 2023: Committee on the Budget. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-76.
118 HR 1430	Related bill	Apr 25, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
118 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1.
118 HR 1603	Related bill	Mar 28, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 19.
118 S 988	Related bill	Mar 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 S 989	Related bill	Mar 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HCONRES 14	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-25, Part I.
118 HCONRES 17	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-27.
118 HR 1058	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 16.
118 HR 1068	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 14.
118 HR 1070	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 13.
118 HR 1085	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 12.
118 HR 1115	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 15.
118 HR 1131	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 10.
118 HR 1140	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 9.
118 HR 1141	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 8.
118 HR 1155	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 6.
118 HR 1158	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 7.
118 HR 1335	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
118 HR 1043	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
118 HR 1067	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
118 HR 1197	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
118 HR 1205	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

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118 HR 1152	Related bill	Mar 17, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 5.
118 HR 1557	Related bill	Mar 17, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 1577	Related bill	Mar 14, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
118 HR 209	Related bill	Feb 28, 2023: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
118 HR 150	Related bill	Feb 21, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
118 HR 829	Related bill	Feb 17, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.
118 HR 647	Related bill	Feb 10, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.
118 HR 484	Related bill	Jan 24, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.
118 S 23	Related bill	Jan 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Mar 22, 2023)

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This bill provides for the exploration, development, importation, and exportation of energy resources (e.g., oil, gas, and minerals). For example, it sets forth provisions to (1) expedite energy projects, (2) eliminate or reduce certain fees related to the development of federal energy resources, and (3) eliminate certain funds that provide incentives to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases.

The bill expedites the development, importation, and exportation of energy resources, including by

- waiving environmental review requirements and other specified requirements under certain environmental laws,
- eliminating certain restrictions on the import and export of oil and natural gas,
- prohibiting the President from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing (a type of process used to extract underground energy resources),
- directing the Department of the Interior to conduct sales for the leasing of oil and gas resources on federal lands and waters as specified by the bill, and
- limiting the authority of the President and executive agencies to restrict or delay the development of energy on federal land.

In addition, the bill reduces royalties for oil and gas development on federal land and eliminates charges on methane emissions.

It also eliminates a variety of funds, such as funds for energy efficiency improvements in buildings as well as the greenhouse gas reduction fund.

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