

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.

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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
<a href="#">118 HR 1449</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 20, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 7409</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 18, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 2925</a>	Related bill	<b>May 9, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 1023</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2024:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
<a href="#">118 HR 1121</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 21, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 7176</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 15, 2024:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
<a href="#">118 S 1281</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 12, 2023:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-316.
<a href="#">118 HR 1130</a>	Related bill	<b>Sep 21, 2023:</b> 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.
<a href="#">118 HR 2623</a>	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 2811</a>	Related bill	<b>May 4, 2023:</b> Committee on the Budget. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-76.
<a href="#">118 HR 1430</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 25, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
<a href="#">118 HR 1</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 30, 2023:</b> 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.
<a href="#">118 HR 1603</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 28, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 19.
<a href="#">118 S 988</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
<a href="#">118 S 989</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
<a href="#">118 HCONRES 14</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-25, Part I.
<a href="#">118 HCONRES 17</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-27.
<a href="#">118 HR 1058</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 16.
<a href="#">118 HR 1068</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 14.
<a href="#">118 HR 1070</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 13.
<a href="#">118 HR 1085</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 12.
<a href="#">118 HR 1115</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 15.
<a href="#">118 HR 1131</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 10.
<a href="#">118 HR 1140</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 9.
<a href="#">118 HR 1141</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 8.
<a href="#">118 HR 1155</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 6.
<a href="#">118 HR 1158</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 7.
<a href="#">118 HR 1335</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
<a href="#">118 HR 1043</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 1067</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 1197</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
<a href="#">118 HR 1205</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

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

## Summary (as of Mar 22, 2023)

### Lower Energy Costs Act

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.

### Actions Timeline

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