

HR 1043

La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 6, 2025

Current Status: By Senator Lee from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 119-1

Latest Action: By Senator Lee from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 119-109. (Feb 11, 2026)

Law: 119-68 (Enacted Feb 11, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-9]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Feb 6, 2025
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Feb 7, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Markup By	Sep 11, 2025
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 16, 2025
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 11, 2026
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 2, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 909	Related bill	Feb 11, 2026: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 336.

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This bill directs the Department of the Interior, after receiving a request from La Paz County, Arizona, to convey approximately 3,400 acres of identified land managed by the Bureau of Land Management to the county for fair market value.

Interior must 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 must

- 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 unearthened artifacts at, or near, where they were discovered.

The federal land is withdrawn from the operation of U.S. mining and mineral leasing laws.

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