

## 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)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1043>

### 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	<b>Feb 11, 2026:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 336.

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

This act 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 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The federal land is withdrawn from the operation of U.S. mining and mineral leasing laws, and thus the land is not available for new mining claims, new mineral or geothermal leases, nor sales of mineral materials.

The county must pay all costs related to the conveyance.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 11, 2026:** By Senator Lee from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 119-109.
- **Dec 29, 2025:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 29, 2025:** Became Public Law No: 119-68.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 17, 2025:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 16, 2025:** Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 16, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 16, 2025:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S8766-8768)
- **Dec 16, 2025:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 11, 2025:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 22, 2025:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 21, 2025:** Mr. Gosar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 21, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3498)
- **Jul 21, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1043.
- **Jul 21, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3498-3499)
- **Jul 21, 2025:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3498-3499)
- **Jul 21, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 2, 2025:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-183.
- **Jul 2, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 148.
- **Apr 9, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 9, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 6, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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