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La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Sep 11, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ]

Party: Democratic • State: AZ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 10, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Markup By	Sep 11, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1043	Related bill	Dec 29, 2025: Became Public Law No: 119-68.

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

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The federal land is withdrawn from the operation of U.S. mining and mineral leasing laws.

## Actions Timeline

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