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

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### Sponsor

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

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### Committee Activity

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### Related Bills

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119 HR 1043	Related bill	<b>Feb 11, 2026:</b> By Senator Lee from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 119-109.

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The federal land is withdrawn from the operation of U.S. mining and mineral leasing laws.





