

Union Calendar No. 575

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5638

[Report No. 119-661]

To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to require royalties on production from leased geothermal resources to be based on production from each electric generating facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MAY 20, 2026

Additional sponsor: Mr. BEGICH

MAY 20, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 30, 2025]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Geothermal Royalty Re-*
5 *form Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES.**

7 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Geothermal Steam*
8 *Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001) is amended by adding at the*
9 *end the following:*

10 *“(h) ‘Geothermal electric generating facility’*
11 *means a facility, including all necessary equipment*
12 *or structures (including turbines and cooling equip-*
13 *ment), that produces electricity using geothermal re-*
14 *sources. For purposes of section 5(a)(1), a facility de-*
15 *scribed in the preceding sentence shall be considered*
16 *a separate facility from any other such facility unless*
17 *the facility shares a turbine with any other such facil-*
18 *ity.*

19 *“(i) ‘In-service date’ means, with respect to a*
20 *geothermal electric generating facility, the date on*
21 *which the geothermal electric generating facility be-*
22 *gins operating.”.*

23 (b) *GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES.—Section 5(a)(1) of the*
24 *Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1004(a)(1)) is*
25 *amended—*

1 (1) *in subparagraph (A)—*

2 (A) *by inserting “with respect to a geo-*
3 *thermal electric generating facility producing*
4 *electricity from such resources,” before “not less*
5 *than”;*

6 (B) *by inserting “by the geothermal electric*
7 *generating facility” after “produced”; and*

8 (C) *by striking “the first 10 years of pro-*
9 *duction under the lease” and inserting “each*
10 *year of the 10-year period following the in-serv-*
11 *ice date of the geothermal electric generating fa-*
12 *cility”;* and

13 (2) *in subparagraph (B)—*

14 (A) *by inserting “with respect to a geo-*
15 *thermal electric generating facility producing*
16 *electricity from such resources,” before “not less*
17 *than”;*

18 (B) *by inserting “by the geothermal electric*
19 *generating facility” after “produced”; and*

20 (C) *by striking “such 10-year period” and*
21 *inserting “the period of 10 years described in*
22 *subparagraph (A)”.*

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