

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1077

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Ms. MALOY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Streamlining Thermal
5 Energy through Advanced Mechanisms Act” or the
6 “STEAM Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. NEPA REVIEW.**

8 Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
9 U.S.C. 15942) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or the
2 Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et
3 seq.) for the purpose of exploration or development
4 of geothermal resources” after “or gas”; and

5 (2) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “or gas”
7 and inserting “, gas, or geothermal”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “or gas”
9 and inserting “, gas, or geothermal”.

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