

# Union Calendar No. 575

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> 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.

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## 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]

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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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