

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7080

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include waste energy recovery as a source of renewable energy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2026

Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. BAIRD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Waste Heat to Watt-
5 age Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. WASTE ENERGY RECOVERY AS A SOURCE OF RE-**
7 **NEWABLE ENERGY.**

8 Section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
9 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (15)(A), by striking “or hy-
2 droelectric” and inserting “hydroelectric, or waste
3 energy recovery”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(18) WASTE ENERGY RECOVERY.—The term
7 ‘waste energy recovery’ means heat or pressure that
8 would otherwise be vented, released, throttled, or
9 discharged from a commercial, residential, or indus-
10 trial process that is recovered and used as the sole
11 input for another purpose or process that generates
12 electricity, including a waste heat to power or waste
13 pressure to power system.”.

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