

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7257

To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require States to include supporting the physical security, cybersecurity, and resilience of local distribution systems in State energy security plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Mr. LATTA (for himself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Securing Community
5 Upgrades for a Resilient Grid Act” or the “SECURE Grid
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF THE SECURITY OF LOCAL DIS-**
2 **TRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN STATE ENERGY SE-**
3 **CURITY PLANS.**

4 Section 366 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 6326) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(3) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.—The term
9 ‘local distribution system’ means any energy infra-
10 structure owned and operated by an electric utility
11 at a voltage of 100 kilovolts or less.”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “, and
13 suppliers of equipment for the generation, trans-
14 mission, and distribution of electricity to,” after
15 “owners and operators of”;

16 (3) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(3) address potential hazards to each energy
20 sector or system, including—

21 “(A) physical threats and vulnerabilities,
22 including—

23 “(i) weather-related threats and
24 vulnerabilities;

1 “(ii) physical attacks on local distribu-
2 tion systems and the bulk-power system;
3 and

4 “(iii) supply chain risks for equipment
5 for the generation, transmission, and dis-
6 tribution of electricity; and

7 “(B) cybersecurity threats and
8 vulnerabilities, including threats to, and
9 vulnerabilities of, local distribution systems that
10 may impact the bulk-power system;” and

11 (B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(5) provide a risk mitigation approach to en-
14 hance reliability and end-use resilience, including
15 methods of responding to, mitigating, and recovering
16 from potential hazards described in paragraph (3);
17 and”;

18 (4) in subsection (d)(3)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
20 “and” at the end;

21 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
22 subparagraph (C); and

23 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
24 the following:

1 “(B) supplying equipment for the genera-
2 tion and transmission of electricity; and”;

3 (5) in subsection (e)—

4 (A) by striking “A State is not eligible”
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(1) SUBMISSION REQUIRED.—A State is not
7 eligible”;

8 (B) in paragraph (2), by redesignating
9 subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and
10 (ii), respectively;

11 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
12 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;
13 and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) STATE DETERMINATION.—A submission
16 under paragraph (1) is not required to be approved
17 by the Secretary.”;

18 (6) in subsection (h), by inserting “, local dis-
19 tribution system,” after “electric utility”; and

20 (7) in subsection (i), by striking “2025” and in-
21 serting “2030”.

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