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[Report No. 119-644]

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

MAY 11, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. JAMES, and Mr. ONDER

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 27, 2026]

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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”.*

7 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF THE SECURITY OF LOCAL DIS-**
8 **TRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN STATE ENERGY SE-**
9 **CURITY PLANS.**

10 *Section 366 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act*
11 *(42 U.S.C. 6326) is amended—*

12 *(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the*
13 *following:*

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

18 *(2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “, and sup-*
19 *pliers of equipment for the generation, transmission,*
20 *and distribution of electricity to,” after “owners and*
21 *operators of”;*

22 *(3) in subsection (c)—*

23 *(A) by amending paragraph (3) to read as*
24 *follows:*

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

3 “(A) physical threats and vulnerabilities,
4 including—

5 “(i) weather-related threats and
6 vulnerabilities;

7 “(ii) physical attacks on local distribu-
8 tion systems and the bulk-power system;
9 and

10 “(iii) supply chain risks for equipment
11 for the generation, transmission, and dis-
12 tribution of electricity; and

13 “(B) cybersecurity threats and
14 vulnerabilities, including threats to, and
15 vulnerabilities of, local distribution systems that
16 may impact the bulk-power system;”;

17 (B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(5) provide a risk mitigation approach to en-
20 hance reliability and end-use resilience, including
21 methods of responding to, mitigating, and recovering
22 from potential hazards described in paragraph (3);
23 and”;

24 (4) in subsection (d)(3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”
2 at the end;

3 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
4 subparagraph (C); and

5 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the
6 following:

7 “(B) supplying equipment for the genera-
8 tion, transmission, and distribution of elec-
9 tricity; and”;

10 (5) in subsection (e)—

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

13 “(1) SUBMISSION REQUIRED.—A State is not eli-
14 gible”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by redesignating sub-
16 paragraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii),
17 respectively;

18 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
19 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively
20 (and by moving the margins accordingly); and

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

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

1 (6) in subsection (f), by striking “may” and in-
2 serting “shall”;

3 (7) in subsection (h), by inserting “, local dis-
4 tribution system,” after “electric utility”; and

5 (8) by striking subsection (i) and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(i) *SUNSET*.—This section shall expire on September
8 30, 2031.”.

9 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Not later than September 30, 2030,
11 the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on
12 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and
13 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
14 ate a report on the efficacy of State energy security plans
15 that includes—

16 (1) an evaluation of whether and how State en-
17 ergy security plans have improved the ability of
18 States to identify, assess, and mitigate risks to energy
19 infrastructure and supply chains and to plan for, re-
20 spond to, and recover from events that disrupt energy
21 supply;

22 (2) recommendations for—

23 (A) improving the ability of States de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1); and

1 (B) actions the Secretary of Energy may
2 take to improve coordination with States with
3 respect to identifying, assessing, and mitigating
4 risks to energy infrastructure and supply chains
5 and planning for, responding to, and recovering
6 from events that disrupt energy supply;

7 (3) information on Federal financial assistance
8 made available to States under part D of title III of
9 the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.
10 6321 *et seq.*) that was used to implement State energy
11 security plans;

12 (4) information on activities carried out by
13 States using such financial assistance;

14 (5) an analysis of the efficacy of the implementa-
15 tion of section 366 of the Energy Policy and Con-
16 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326), as amended by this
17 Act; and

18 (6) information on State use of assistance pro-
19 vided under section 366(f) of the Energy Policy and
20 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326(f)) (as amended by
21 this Act), including any revisions of State energy se-
22 curity plans made by States resulting from assistance
23 provided under such section 366(f).

24 (b) *PROTECTED INFORMATION*.—The report required
25 under subsection (a) shall be submitted in a form that may

1 *be made available to the public, except that any informa-*
2 *tion protected from disclosure under section 366(h) of the*
3 *Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326(h))*
4 *shall be included in the report in an annex that shall not*
5 *be publicly disclosed, consistent with such section.*

6 (c) *STATE ENERGY SECURITY PLAN DEFINED.—In*
7 *this section, the term “State energy security plan” has the*
8 *meaning given such term in section 366(a) of the Energy*
9 *Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326(a)).*

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