

# Union Calendar No. 617

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 1449

**[Report No. 118-730]**

To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2023

Mr. FULCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Committing Leases  
5 for Energy Access Now Act” or the “CLEAN Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GEOTHERMAL LEASING.**

7 (a) ANNUAL LEASING.—Section 4(b) of the Geo-  
8 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003(b)) is amend-  
9 ed—

10 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “2 years” and  
11 inserting “year”;

12 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
13 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

14 (3) after paragraph (2), by inserting the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 “(3) REPLACEMENT SALES.—If a lease sale  
17 under paragraph (1) for a year is canceled or de-  
18 layed, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a  
19 replacement sale during the same year.

20 “(4) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a lease  
21 sale under paragraph (2) in a State described in  
22 that paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall  
23 offer all nominated parcels eligible for geothermal  
24 development and utilization under the resource man-  
25 agement plan in effect for the State.”.

1 (b) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-  
2 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—Section 4 of the Geo-  
3 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-  
6 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—

7 “(1) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the  
8 date on which the Secretary receives an application  
9 for any geothermal drilling permit, the Secretary  
10 shall—

11 “(A) provide written notice to the appli-  
12 cant that the application is complete; or

13 “(B) notify the applicant that information  
14 is missing and specify any information that is  
15 required to be submitted for the application to  
16 be complete.

17 “(2) ISSUANCE OF DECISION.—If the Secretary  
18 determines that an application for a geothermal  
19 drilling permit is complete under paragraph (1)(A),  
20 the Secretary shall issue a final decision on the ap-  
21 plication not later than 30 days after the Secretary  
22 notifies the applicant that the application is com-  
23 plete.”.



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