

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2176

To dedicate a portion of the rental fees from wind and solar energy projects on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management for the administrative costs of processing applications for new wind and solar projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2011

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Clean Energy Pro-
5 motion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPOSIT AND USE OF ANNUAL WIND ENERGY AND**
2 **SOLAR ENERGY RIGHT-OF-WAY AUTHORIZA-**
3 **TION RENTAL FEES.**

4 (a) DEPOSIT OF ANNUAL WIND ENERGY AND SOLAR
5 ENERGY RIGHT-OF-WAY AUTHORIZATION RENTAL
6 FEES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 amounts received up to \$5,000,000 each fiscal year by the
8 United States as annual wind energy and solar energy
9 right-of-way authorization fees required under section
10 504(g) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
11 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1764(g)) shall be deposited into a sep-
12 arate account in the Treasury to be known as the “BLM
13 Wind Energy and Solar Energy Permit Processing Im-
14 provement Fund”.

15 (b) USE OF DEPOSITS.—Amounts deposited under
16 subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary of the
17 Interior for expenditure, without further appropriation
18 and without fiscal year limitation, for salaries and ex-
19 penses related to the Bureau of Land Management offices
20 dedicated to the coordination and processing of wind en-
21 ergy and solar energy permit applications.

22 (c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—For the purposes of co-
23 ordination and processing of wind energy and solar energy
24 permit applications on public lands, the Secretary of the
25 Interior may authorize the expenditure or transfer of such

1 amounts deposited under subsection (a) as are necessary

2 to—

3 (1) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;

4 (2) the Environmental Protection Agency; and

5 (3) State agencies involved in processing of

6 wind and solar permits on Federal lands under the

7 jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

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