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# H. R. 7257

[Report No. 119-]

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.

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### 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

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

# **A BILL**

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.

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)).*