

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 6474

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Mrs. STEEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. NEPA REVIEW.**

4 Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42  
5 U.S.C. 15942) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or the  
7 Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et  
8 seq.) for the purpose of exploration or development  
9 of geothermal resources” after “or gas”; and

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

1                   (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “or gas”  
2                   and inserting “, gas, or geothermal”; and

3                   (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “or gas”  
4                   and inserting “, gas, or geothermal”.

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