

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9193

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Mr. FULCHER 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. GEOTHERMAL LEASING.**

4 Section 4(b) of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970
5 (30 U.S.C. 1003(b)) is amended—

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

8 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
9 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

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

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

7 “(4) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a lease
8 sale under paragraph (2) in a State described in
9 that paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall
10 offer all nominated parcels eligible for geothermal
11 development and utilization under the resource man-
12 agement plan in effect for the State.”.

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