

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2993

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include energy storage as renewable energy under the Rural Energy for America Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2018

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. INCLUSION OF ENERGY STORAGE AS RENEW-**
4 **ABLE ENERGY UNDER RURAL ENERGY FOR**
5 **AMERICA PROGRAM.**

6 Section 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
7 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (g)
9 as subsections (b) through (h), respectively;

1 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-
2 designated) the following:

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) RENEWABLE ENERGY.—The term ‘renew-
5 able energy’ includes energy storage, including elec-
6 trochemical, thermal, and mechanical storage, for
7 example, provided by battery storage, a grid-enabled
8 water heater, or pumped hydroelectric storage.

9 “(2) RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM.—The term
10 ‘renewable energy system’ includes an energy stor-
11 age component.”;

12 (3) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated), by
13 striking “(g)” each place it appears and inserting
14 “(h)”; and

15 (4) in paragraph (2) of subsection (h) (as so re-
16 designated)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(b)”
18 and inserting “(c)”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (i) by striking “(b)” and inserting
21 “(c)”; and

22 (ii) by striking “(c)” and inserting
23 “(d)”.

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