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118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6474

[Report No. 118-]

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

JANUARY --, 2024

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

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

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)—

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

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