

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to repeal restrictions on onshore wind and solar.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Legis-
5 lation for Expanding and Advancing Nonrestrictive En-
6 ergy Act” or the “CLEAN Energy Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF ONSHORE WIND AND SOLAR LEASING**
8 **RESTRICTIONS.**

9 (a) **LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LEASES**
10 **OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**—Section 50265(b) of Public Law

1 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation Reduction
2 Act of 2022”) (43 U.S.C. 3006(b)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “this Act” in the matter pre-
4 ceding paragraph (1) and all that follows through
5 “the Secretary may” in paragraph (2) in the matter
6 preceding subparagraph (A) and inserting “this Act,
7 the Secretary may”; and

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
9 (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, and in-
10 denting appropriately.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 50265 of
12 Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation
13 Reduction Act of 2022”) (43 U.S.C. 3006) is amended—

14 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(a) DEFINITION OF OFFSHORE LEASE SALE.—In
17 this section, the term ‘offshore lease sale’ means an oil
18 and gas lease sale—

19 “(1) that is held by the Secretary in accordance
20 with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
21 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.); and

22 “(2) that, if any acceptable bids have been re-
23 ceived for any tract offered in the lease sale, results
24 in the issuance of a lease.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “paragraphs
2 (1) and (2) of”.