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To amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to authorize certain long-term contracts for Federal purchases of energy, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Renewable Energy
5 Certainty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTRACTS FOR FEDERAL PURCHASES OF EN-**
2 **ERGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part 3 of title V of the National
4 Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8251 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 554. LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR ENERGY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
8 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code, an agency
9 may enter into a contract for the acquisition of energy
10 generated from renewable energy sources or from cogen-
11 eration facilities covering a period of not more than 30
12 years.

13 “(b) STANDARDIZED ENERGY PURCHASE AGREE-
14 MENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
15 ment of this section, the Secretary, through the Federal
16 Energy Management Program, shall publish a standard-
17 ized energy purchase agreement, setting forth commercial
18 terms and conditions, that agencies may use to acquire
19 energy generated from renewable energy sources or from
20 cogeneration facilities.

21 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
22 provide technical assistance to assist agencies in imple-
23 menting this section.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
25 for part 3 of title V of the National Energy Conservation
26 Policy Act (Public Law 95–619; 92 Stat. 3208; 119 Stat.

1 606; 119 Stat. 611) is amended by adding at the end of
2 part 3 the following:

“Sec. 554. Long-term contracts for energy.”.

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