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S. 4865

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2024

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Streamlining Thermal
5 Energy through Advanced Mechanisms Act” or the
6 “STEAM Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. NEPA REVIEW.**

8 Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
9 U.S.C. 15942) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or the
2 Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et
3 seq.) for the purpose of exploration or development
4 of geothermal resources” after “or gas”; and

5 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

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