



Committee: House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development & Related Agencies
Event: [Subcommittee Markup of Fiscal Year 2026 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Bill](#)
Date: July 14, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: H-140 Capitol Complex

Member Toplines:

[Full Committee Chair Tom Cole \(R-OK-04\)](#): Cole described the bill as a cornerstone of President **Donald Trump's** energy dominance strategy, highlighting its focus on lowering energy costs and advancing reliable, affordable power. He emphasized investments in domestic energy systems and efforts to reduce reliance on foreign materials.

[Subcommittee Chair Chuck Fleischmann \(R-TN-03\)](#): Fleischmann stated the bill provides \$57.3 billion in funding, \$766 million less than FY25, while prioritizing national security, energy independence, and fiscal responsibility. He highlighted increased funding for nuclear development, critical mineral production, and the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science. He noted cuts to Applied Energy Technology offices were intended to focus resources on the highest-priority R&D projects. Overall, Fleischmann framed the bill as advancing U.S. energy dominance and economic competitiveness.

[Full Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro \(D-CT-03\)](#): DeLauro expressed strong opposition to the bill, describing how the provisions will raise energy costs, hurt American competitiveness, and jeopardize energy independence. She also accused both the Trump administration and House Republicans of defying congressional authority by freezing or canceling billions in clean energy spending previously appropriated by Congress.

[Subcommittee Ranking Member Marcy Kaptur \(D-OH-09\)](#): Kaptur criticized the partisan approach to drafting this year's bill and warned it would raise energy costs for families and businesses. She emphasized the need to fund programs addressing climate change and extreme weather. Kaptur argued the bill undermines U.S. clean energy leadership by cutting 47 percent of DOE's energy efficiency and renewable programs and eliminating the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED). She contrasted this with China's record-setting investments in wind and solar energy.

Major Takeaways:

- Rep. **Mike Levin** (D-CA-49) expressed opposition to the bill, citing the elimination of renewable energy programs. He argued that robust energy systems are essential to national security, but the bill undermines this goal. He also emphasized the need for

clean energy to meet the growing demand driven by data centers and artificial intelligence.

- Rep. **Frank Mrvan** (D-IN-01) opposed the cuts in funding to OCED, which oversees hydrogen hub projects, including one in his district expected to create 12,000 jobs.
 - He described a series of federal actions, including the rollback of clean energy tax credits and DOE's reported withdrawal of support, that ultimately led to the hydrogen hub's indefinite pause.
 - Mrvan argued that the bill undercuts energy security, economic growth, and nonproliferation efforts, he urged colleagues to reject the partisan approach and support long-term, bipartisan investment in clean energy and national security.
- The bill passed out of committee by [recorded vote](#), 10-5.