



## **SENATE ENERGY APPROVES ADVANCED NUCLEAR GOALS**

*Bipartisan bill would prioritize ambitious federal goals for applied research*

WASHINGTON, March 8, 2018 -- ClearPath Action applauds the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee for approving bipartisan legislation hitting at a major lapse in federal advanced nuclear and broader clean energy innovation: the lack of real and ambitious goals for applied research.

The committee forwarded to the full Senate the [Advanced Nuclear Energy Technologies Act \(S. 1457\)](#) from Sens. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) and Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), which sets a goal by 2028 for demonstrating at least four new advanced reactor designs.

“This is an exciting bill that goes straight to the heart of what’s desperately needed in the federal nuclear and broader clean energy innovation space,” ClearPath Action Executive Director Rich Powell said. “Applied research programs can result in some of the best returns for taxpayer dollars if those dollars are properly targeted.”

S. 1457 is the second advanced nuclear bill in as many days that has made important headway in the Senate. Senators March 7 [by voice vote approved](#) the [Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act \(S. 97\)](#), which would strengthen partnerships between the private sector and government researchers.

S. 1457 is one of two bipartisan efforts Flake is leading on setting clean energy innovation goals at the Department of Energy.

A second bill, the [Energy Storage Goals and Demonstration Projects Act \(S. 1455\)](#) he has offered with Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), sets a goal of developing three commercially-viable energy storage solutions by 2028.

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