

CLEARPATH INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY ACT OF 2025 2025 (S. 1801)

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WHAT

The International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025 sets a national strategic plan for the United States to promote engagement with allies and partner nations. The bill develops a strong civil nuclear export strategy to compete against China and Russia.

- Establishes the Office of the Assistant to the President and Director of Nuclear Energy Export Policy, within the National Energy Dominance Council, to coordinate civil nuclear exports strategy, develop a cohesive federal strategy for engagement with foreign governments, ensure framework agreements and trade controls are in place for key markets, establish financing relationships, promote regulatory harmonization, and enhance safeguards and security.
- Establishes a Nuclear Exports Working Group to create an interagency, 10-year civil nuclear trade strategy.
- Creates programs to facilitate international nuclear energy cooperation to develop financial partnerships, training, education, market analysis, safety, security, safeguards, and nuclear governance required for a civil nuclear program.
- Calls for a biennial conference focused on civil nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability.
- Establishes a Strategic Infrastructure Fund Working Group to determine how to best structure a fund to finance projects critical to national security.

WHY IT MATTERS

Russia and China are dominating the nuclear export market, signing predatory lending to build reactors and locking poorer countries into billions of dollars in long-term debt. Partnerships formed from nuclear energy exports can last for a century, and the U.S. must begin to establish these international partnerships. The International Nuclear Energy Act enables the U.S. to execute a strategic nuclear export strategy with allies and partner nations, providing the necessary framework and coordination to unleash American energy.

WHAT'S NEXT

The International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025 will need to be passed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Additionally, the House of Representatives could introduce a companion bill. This bipartisan legislation is an opportunity to support American international competitiveness and grow global markets for American nuclear technology.

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