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# H. R. 6024

To authorize development of hydropower and efficiencies at existing Bureau of Reclamation facilities.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Hydro 2.0 Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. HYDROPOWER EFFICIENCIES AT RECLAMATION**  
6       **PROJECTS.**

7       Section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43  
8       U.S.C. 485h) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9       lowing:

1       “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER  
2 AT BUREAU OF RECLAMATION POWER GENERATION FA-  
3 CILITIES.—

4           “(1) The Secretary of the Interior, acting  
5 through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Rec-  
6 lamation, is authorized to plan, design, construct,  
7 operate, and maintain additions, improvements, effi-  
8 ciencies, and replacements of power generation fa-  
9 cilities at existing Reclamation project facilities, in-  
10 cluding exclusive development of non-Federal power  
11 at Bureau of Reclamation facilities, provided that—

12           “(A) the Commissioner shall approve such  
13 development of non-Federal power using the  
14 lease of power privilege; and

15           “(B) any power generation facilities for  
16 which funds made available under this sub-  
17 section are used shall be constructed, operated,  
18 and maintained in a manner consistent with  
19 water supply and other purposes specifically au-  
20 thorized for the project regarding which the  
21 power generation facilities are a part.

22           “(2) Revenues from the lease of power privi-  
23 leges shall be deposited into the Reclamation Fund,  
24 to the credit of the project from which such power  
25 is derived. Any construction cost component of such

1 revenues from the Lease of Power Privilege shall  
2 be—

3 “(A) applied first—

4 “(i) against reimbursable construction  
5 costs allocated to power; and

6 “(ii) for use for any future improve-  
7 ments, efficiencies, and replacements that  
8 increase power production at the facility  
9 from which such power is derived; and

10 “(B) the remainder applied against non-re-  
11 imburseable construction costs, under the appli-  
12 cable cost allocation formula for the project.

13 “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall alter or  
14 affect contracts or authorities in force and effect on  
15 the date of the enactment of this subsection to ad-  
16 vance funds for the operation, maintenance, and re-  
17 pair costs.”.

18 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION.**

19 Nothing in this Act authorizes feasibility or construc-  
20 tion of new water impoundments or water storage facili-  
21 ties.

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