

S 2750

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Act of 2008

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Mar 12, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introd

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 12, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2262	Related bill	Nov 5, 2007: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2008)

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Act of 2008 - Applies this Act to any mining claim, millsite claim, or tunnel site claim: (1) located under the general mining laws; or (2) used for beneficiation or mineral processing activities, regardless of whether legal and beneficial title to the mineral is held by the United States.

Subjects production of locatable minerals from any mining claim, including mineral concentrates or products derived from such minerals, to a royalty of 8% of the gross income from mining.

Imposes a 4% royalty upon federal lands subject to an existing operations permit and producing valuable locatable minerals in commercial quantities.

Establishes a civil penalty for failure to comply with royalty requirements, including underreporting.

Requires a hardrock mining claim maintenance fee and a location fee for each unpatented mining claim, mill, or tunnel site on federally owned lands, whether located before, on, or after enactment of this Act.

Establishes a fee for transfer of ownership of an unpatented mining claim, mill, or tunnel site.

Requires each operator of a hardrock minerals mining operation to pay a reclamation fee of 0.3 % of the gross income of the hardrock minerals mining operation for each calendar year.

Establishes the Abandoned Mine Cleanup Fund for reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by past mineral activities on certain federal lands. Requires deposit in the Fund of all royalties, fees, and civil penalties.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2001-2002)
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2002-2006)

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