

S 2440

BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act of 2014

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Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 16, 2014
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 18, 2014
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 17, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 16, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act of 2014 - Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to make the Federal Permit Streamlining Project program permanent.

Amends the Mineral Leasing Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to collect for each of FY2016-FY2026 a fee of \$9,500 for each new application for a drilling permit. Allocates specified percentages of such fees to: (1) the field offices that collected the fees used to process protests, leases, and permits; and (2) the BLM Permit Processing Improvement Fund, now divided into a Rental Account and a Fee Account.

Prohibits the Secretary, during FY2016-FY2026, from implementing a rulemaking that would enable an increase in fees to recover additional costs related to processing applications for drilling permits.

Makes the Fund available to the Secretary for expenditure for the coordination and processing of oil and gas use authorizations on Indian trust mineral estate land (as well as onshore federal land, as under current law).

Directs the Secretary to use: (1) the Rental Account and the Fee Account for this coordination and processing of oil and gas use authorizations, and (2) the Rental Account also for training for development of expertise related to coordinating and processing these authorizations.

Amends the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to make the rate of interest allowed and paid or credited for any royalty overpayment equal to the sum of the federal short-term rate plus one percentage point.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 17, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 17, 2014:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5649)
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5649)
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5649)
- **Jul 29, 2014:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-491.
- **Jun 5, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 5, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.