

HR 1508

Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015

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Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 23, 2015
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Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		May 18, 2015

Committee Activity

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Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 15, 2015

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Related Bills

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114 S 976	Identical bill	Apr 16, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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(Sec. 2) Directs the President, acting through appropriate federal agencies, to:

- facilitate the commercial exploration and utilization of space resources to meet national needs;
- discourage government barriers to the development of economically viable, safe, and stable industries for the exploration and utilization of space resources in manners consistent with the existing international obligations of the United States; and
- promote the right of U.S. commercial entities to explore outer space and utilize space resources, in accordance with such obligations, free from harmful interference, and to transfer or sell such resources.

Defines "space resource" as a natural resource of any kind found in place in outer space.

Directs the President to make recommendations to Congress for: (1) the allocation of responsibilities relating to the exploration and utilization of space resources among federal agencies, and (2) any authorities necessary to meet U.S. international obligations with respect to such exploration and resource utilization.

Declares that any asteroid resources obtained in outer space are the property of the entity that obtained them, which shall be entitled to all property rights to them, consistent with applicable federal law and existing international obligations.

States that a U.S. commercial space resource utilization entity:

- shall avoid causing harmful interference in outer space, and
- may bring a civil action in a U.S. district court for any action by another entity subject to U.S. jurisdiction causing harmful interference to its operations with respect to an asteroid resource utilization activity in outer space.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 15, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 114-153.
- **Jun 15, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 111.
- **May 13, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 13, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 18 - 15.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.