

HR 3303

Coal Royalty Fairness and Communities Investment Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]

Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Dec 10, 2015
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 10, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 31, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1891	Related bill	Jul 29, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6140; text of measure as introduced: CR S6140-6141)

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This bill amends the Mineral Leasing Act to require the coal lease royalty to be at least 12.5% of the assessment value of federal coal (currently, 12.5% of the value of coal as defined by regulation), which value shall be established by the Department of the Interior within one year after enactment of this Act.

"Assessment value" means: (1) the price of federal coal paid by the purchaser at final sale, or (2) a price imputed by the Secretary based on the coal price index (the schedule of average market prices of federal coal at final sale).

The purchaser of federal coal shall report annually information necessary to carry out this Act. Interior may examine the records of any person engaged in the purchase, sale, transportation, or marketing of federal coal.

The bill prescribes requirements for: (1) determining and assessing royalties for the export of federal coal, (2) compiling in a transportation cost index the average costs of transporting coal, and (3) determining the amount of any applicable transportation cost deduction on the basis of such index.

The bill also establishes in the Treasury a Coal Area Economic Revitalization Fund for the annual deposit of \$105 million of royalty revenues collected by the United States from coal leases.

The Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce shall use certain Fund amounts to issue grants under specified programs for projects to assist communities and Indian tribes negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

The Department of Energy shall use certain Fund amounts to provide financial assistance for the design, construction, and operation of large-scale projects to capture and store carbon dioxide emissions from industrial sources.

Specified federal departments and agencies shall provide impacted communities with technical assistance and educational outreach to fund partnerships.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.