

## HR 5259

Certainty for States and Tribes Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor                               | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]      | R · ND        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]            | R · AZ        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]             | R · OH        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large] | R · WY        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]        | R · WV        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]          | R · CO        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]          | R · AR        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]           | R · CA        |      | May 24, 2016 |
| Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]              | R · MO        |      | May 24, 2016 |
| Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]             | R · CA        |      | Jun 9, 2016  |
| Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]             | R · WA        |      | Jun 10, 2016 |
| Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]              | R · TX        |      | Jun 14, 2016 |
| Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]            | R · NM        |      | Jun 14, 2016 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date        |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Discharged from | Sep 7, 2016 |
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action                                                                                                                                   |
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| 114 S 2938 | Related bill | <b>May 17, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2879-2880) |

## Summary (as of Nov 22, 2016)

### Certainty for States and Tribes Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of the Interior to reestablish the Royalty Policy Committee, which must include members representing states and Indian tribes who produce minerals on federal or tribal land. In addition, Interior must establish a State and Tribal Resources Board, a subcommittee of the Royalty Policy Committee.

(Sec. 3) The board and committee must advise Interior as it formulates policies and regulations regarding mineral production on federal and tribal lands. Interior must delay issuing a final regulation for 180 days if the board determines that such regulation will have a negative state or tribal budgetary or economic impact.

(Sec. 4) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) must complete by January 15, 2019, its programmatic review of the federal coal leasing program as described in Secretarial Order 3338, dated January 15, 2016. Secretarial Order 3338 directed the BLM to prepare a discretionary review of the federal coal program.

The moratorium on the issuance of new federal coal leases by the BLM shall terminate on January 16, 2019. Additionally, the bill allows leases and modifications to be issued by the BLM for any coal leasing application currently under review. Secretarial Order 3338 prohibited approval of such leases and modifications.

(Sec. 6) The bill also directs the BLM to conduct federal coal lease sales and modifications within one year after it completes an environmental analysis of an application.

### Actions Timeline

- **Nov 22, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 114-833.
- **Nov 22, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 654.
- **Sep 8, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 8, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 13.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Discharged.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **May 17, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.