

## HR 5500

Coal Cleanup Taxpayer Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3066	Identical bill	<b>Jun 16, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Summary** (as of Jun 16, 2016)

### Coal Cleanup Taxpayer Protection Act

This bill amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to prohibit the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE) and state regulatory authorities from accepting new self-bonds for coal reclamation. Additionally, any existing self-bonds or corporate bonds utilized for coal reclamation must be converted to surety or collateral bonds.

The OSMRE may approve state or federal alternative coal mining bond programs that result in no greater risk of financial liability to the federal government than a surety or collateral bond program.

The bill also requires the OSMRE to issue rules establishing limitations on surety bonds to minimize the financial liability to the federal or state government.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.