

HR 866

Federal Land Freedom Act of 2015

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Policy Area: Energy

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| Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2] | R · TX | | May 12, 2015 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] | R · AZ | | Oct 23, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Nov 15, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 490 | Related bill | Feb 12, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2015)

Federal Land Freedom Act of 2015

This bill permits a state that has an established leasing, permitting, and regulatory program to: (1) declare to the Secretaries of the Interior, of Agriculture, and of Energy that it has either established or amended the program; and (2) seek to transfer to itself, and to implement, existing federal responsibilities for leasing, permitting, and regulating oil and natural gas development.

Any state action to lease, permit, or regulate oil and gas exploration and development shall not be subject to, or considered, a federal action, a federal permit, or a federal license with respect to specified administrative and environmental laws and is therefore exempt from them.

State-issued leases or permits must provide for: (1) the collection of royalties or other revenues in an amount equal to what would have been collected if the lease or permit had been federally issued, and (2) their deposit into the same federal account in which they would have been deposited if the lease or permit had been federally issued.

A state may collect and retain lease or permit application processing fees.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 15, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.