

## HR 7211

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to regulate hydraulic fracturing operations on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Nov 30, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Dec 13, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/7211>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 30, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Nov 30, 2018)

This bill addresses requirements concerning hydraulic fracturing operations. Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.

Specifically, this bill subjects the underground injection of such fluids or propping agents to requirements governing drinking water.

In addition, the bill: (1) requires the Bureau of Land Management to regulate hydraulic fracturing operations on federal land administered by the Department of the Interior, and (2) establishes permit requirements for such operations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 13, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Nov 30, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 30, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.