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A bill to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Jan 17, 2019

Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearing

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-380. (Sep 16, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]

Party: Republican • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 16, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 17, 2019)

This bill states that a Bureau of Land Management drilling permit shall not be required under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 for an action occurring within an oil and gas drilling or spacing unit, if (1) less than 50% of the minerals within the unit are federally owned, and (2) the federal government neither owns nor leases the surface estate within the unit's boundaries. Drilling and spacing units are one component of a state regulatory framework for oil and gas exploration and production.

The bill retains the right of the federal government to receive royalties from the production of federal minerals within the drilling or spacing unit.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-380.
- **Jan 17, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 17, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.