

HR 2579

Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 8, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 8, 2019
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		May 8, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 8, 2019
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 8, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 8, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 8, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 8, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		May 17, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 17, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		May 17, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 5, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 23, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019

This bill addresses mineral leasing, exploration, and development on federal land.

Among other things, the bill

- prohibits the issuance of a patent for certain mining or millsite claims;
- establishes a permitting and leasing system for hardrock mining;
- establishes a 12.5% royalty on new mining operations and an 8% royalty on existing operations, with an exemption for small miners;
- protects special places, such as wilderness study areas, roadless areas, and wild and scenic rivers, from hardrock mining activity;
- requires consultation prior to undertaking any mineral activities that may have a substantial direct impact on the lands or interests of Indian tribes;
- establishes an environmental standard for mining activities to ensure that mining activities prevent undue degradation of public lands and resources;
- prescribes requirements for the exploration permit process and for operations permits, including financial assurances; and
- authorizes the use of amounts in the Hardrock Minerals Reclamation Fund for the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by past hardrock mineral activities and related activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 4, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-467.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 374.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 13.
- **May 9, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
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