

S 3488

A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to repeal a provision relating to the suspension, waiver, or reduction of rents or royalties by the Secretary of the Interior to promote development or operation, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to limit the authority of the Secretary to reduce or eliminate certain royalties and net profit shares, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6707	Related bill	May 27, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
116 S 3611	Related bill	May 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
116 HR 6289	Related bill	Apr 1, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2020)

This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from suspending, waiving, or reducing rents or royalties that the government receives for the production of certain mineral resources (e.g., fossil fuel) on leased public land, including royalties or net profit shares received from oil and gas exploration on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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