

HR 5857

Fracking Ban Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 12, 2020
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 5, 2020
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 27, 2020
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		May 27, 2020
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 27, 2020
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		May 27, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 27, 2020
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 27, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 27, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2020
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 29, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3247	Identical bill	Jan 28, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2020)

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This bill phases out hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas. 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.

The bill prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the expansion of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure, including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or burn natural gas or oil.

In addition, the bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to complete a survey of all oil and natural gas wells to identify the wells where fracking is, or has been, used. The survey must include a variety of data, including data on the proximity of fracking operations to inhabited structures (e.g., homes or schools).

Beginning on February 1, 2021, the bill revokes permits for wells where fracking is, or has been, used within 2,500 feet of inhabited structures. The bill bans all fracking on onshore and offshore land by 2025.

Finally, the bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a Just Transition Committee to make recommendations on ensuring the health and safety of individuals residing in, and the prosperity of, natural gas- and oil-producing regions during the phaseout of fracking.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2020:** 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.