

HR 1503

Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 2, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2022)

Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021

This bill modifies several provisions related to oil and gas leasing on public lands.

Among other requirements, the bill replaces the competitive auction process with a competitive-sealed bidding process. It also eliminates non-competitive bidding.

Additionally, the bill increases royalty rates, rental rates, and the minimum bid amount. Further, the bill creates a fee for nominating lands for leasing.

Lease sales must be held in each state no more than three times per year instead of quarterly. The bill also decreases lease term durations from 10 to 5 years. Certain lease information must be made available on public websites, including the names of all current and former lessees and operators.

The bill also adds a number of new provisions related to protection of private surface estate owners.

Finally, the bill establishes requirements to protect water resources, including by requiring oil or gas operators to replace certain water supplies affected by drilling, hydraulic fracturing (i.e., fracking), or production operations. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management must issue regulations governing the use of fracking under oil and gas leases for federal lands. The regulations must require (1) baseline water testing, and (2) public disclosure of each chemical used for fracking.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-628, Part I.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 452.
- **May 5, 2021:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **May 5, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 5, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 15.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.