

## S 2170

### PEOPLE Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Jun 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jun 22, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2170>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jun 22, 2021)

#### Public Engagement Opportunity on Public Land Exploration Act of 2021 or the PEOPLE Act of 2021

This bill expands requirements related to issuing oil and gas leases on federal land. Specifically, the bill expands requirements related to public notice and comment periods with respect to oil and gas lease sales, including by requiring information about the person or entities submitting bids for leases. The bill also requires the lease sales to be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

In addition, the Department of the Interior may only issue such leases to exploration and drilling operators if the operators sign post-lease surface use agreements with the surface estate owners. Under the agreements, operators must agree to reclaim the land and provide compensation for any damages resulting from the exploration and drilling operations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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