

## HR 7615

### LODGE Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Apr 28, 2022

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 499.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 499. (Dec 30, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7615>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 18, 2022
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Dec 8, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Lodging Options Developed for Government Employees Act or the LODGE Act**

This bill expands the current authority of the Department of the Interior to enter into agreements with housing entities to provide rental housing for employees.

The bill allows Interior to enter agreements with other federal agencies, state or local governments, tribal governments, or other public or private organizations for purposes of facilitating housing accommodation projects for rent to field employees and members of the public

- on public lands, including National Park System units;
- off public lands in the vicinity of system units; or
- on a combination of such lands.

Interior may allow field employees and members of the public to occupy and lease project quarters.

Field employees and members of the public shall be prohibited from subleasing housing units or quarters developed or leased in accordance with a housing partnership agreement under this bill, including all forms of short-term rentals.

To the maximum extent practicable, priority for occupancy in project quarters shall be given to field employees.

Interior may collect, or authorize entities who have entered into partnership housing agreements under this bill to collect, rents directly from field employees and members of the public occupying housing units or quarters.

The bill modifies the lease-to-build program to allow Interior to lease federal land and interests in land to qualified persons for the construction of field employee quarters for any period not to exceed 60 years (under current law not to exceed 50 years).

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 30, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-682.
- **Dec 30, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 499.
- **Dec 8, 2022:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Dec 8, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 8, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 14, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 3, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Apr 28, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.