

## HR 8980

### Preserving the Gulf Test Range to Ensure Military Readiness Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Sep 22, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services,

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. (Sep 22, 2022)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4943	Identical bill	Sep 22, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2022)

Preserving the Gulf Test Range to Ensure Military Readiness Act

This bill establishes a moratorium on energy development (e.g., offshore wind development) in specified areas of the Gulf of Mexico until June 30, 2032.

Until that date, the Department of the Interior may not conduct certain energy development activities in any area east of the Military Mission Line in the Gulf of Mexico. The moratorium also applies to other areas of the Outer Continental Shelf—the South Atlantic Planning Area, the Straits of Florida Planning Area, or any area west of the Military Mission Line in the Gulf of Mexico—if energy exploration, leasing, or development in that area has been identified as having any adverse effect on national security, military readiness, or the Department of Defense's testing capabilities.

However, Interior may issue leases in those areas for environmental conservation purposes, including the purposes of shore protection, beach nourishment and restoration, wetlands restoration, and habitat protection.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 22, 2022: Introduced in House
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