

HR 1205

Bureau of Land Management Mineral Spacing Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7476	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
118 HR 2811	Related bill	May 4, 2023: Committee on the Budget. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-76.
118 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1.
118 HR 1335	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
118 S 947	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill revises requirements for oil and gas or geothermal drilling permits under the Mineral Leasing Act as well as the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970. Specifically, the bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from requiring an operator to obtain a federal drilling permit for oil, gas, or geothermal exploration and production activities conducted on a nonfederal surface estate if (1) the federal ownership interest is less than 50% of the subsurface mineral estate to be accessed by the proposed action; and (2) the operator submits to Interior a state permit to conduct such activities on the nonfederal surface estate.

Such activities are not considered to be a major federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and thus are not subject to environmental review requirements under NEPA. Further, such activities are not subject to requirements for federal actions under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Actions Timeline

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