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Bureau of Land Management Mineral Spacing Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 27, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 27, 2023
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 11, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1456	Related bill	May 4, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill expedites the permitting process for oil and gas drilling on federal land.

Specifically, the bill bans the Department of the Interior from requiring a permit to drill for an oil and gas lease under the Mineral Leasing Act for an action occurring within an oil and gas drilling or spacing unit if (1) less than 50% of the minerals within the unit are minerals owned by the federal government, and (2) the federal government does not own or lease the surface estate within the area directly impacted by the action. However, this ban does not apply to certain tribal land.

In addition, the bill requires state drilling applicants to notify Interior if their permit or plan would impact or extract federally owned oil or gas. Holders of oil or gas leases must notify Interior when they submit a state permit application to drill.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 118-53.
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 125.
- **May 17, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.