

HR 1366

Mining Regulatory Clarity Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 14, 2025
Rep. Begich, Nicholas J. [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Sep 16, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 3, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 544	Related bill	Feb 11, 2026: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 334.
119 HRES 951	Related bill	Dec 16, 2025: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
119 HR 4754	Related bill	Jul 24, 2025: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 175.

Mining Regulatory Clarity Act

This bill allows mining operators to use federal lands for activities ancillary to mining, such as waste disposal, regardless of whether those lands contain mineral deposits valuable enough to be mined (mineral validity). It also establishes the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund.

The bill addresses a 2022 decision in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit related to the Rosemont Copper Mine in Arizona (commonly known as [the Rosemont decision](#), described further in [CRS Report R48166](#)). The court held that mining claims are only allowed where mineral validity has been established and that mill site claims are more appropriate means for establishing a mining waste disposal site under the Mining Act.

The bill allows a mining operator to (1) locate and include within its plan of operations as many mill site claims (e.g., areas for waste rock disposal) as are reasonably necessary for its operations, and (2) use or occupy public land in accordance with an approved plan of operations.

Additionally, the bill requires any revenue generated from fees for such mill site claims to be deposited into the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund. The Department of the Interior must use the fund for certain abandoned hardrock mine reclamation activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2026:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 357.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 951. (consideration: CR H6044-6049)
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4776, H.R. 1366, H.R. 845, H.R. 3616, H.R. 3632 and H.R. 4371. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 4776, under a structured rule and H.R. 1366, H.R. 845, H.R. 3616, H.R. 3632, and H.R. 4371 under a closed rule. The resolution provides one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1366.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Ms. Leger Fernandez moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H6049)
- **Dec 18, 2025:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 1366, the Chair put the question on motion to recommit and by voice vote announced the yeas had prevailed. Ms. Leger Fernandez demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6069-6070)
- **Dec 18, 2025:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 205 - 213 (Roll no. 357).
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 198 (Roll no. 358).
- **Dec 18, 2025:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 198 (Roll no. 358). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H6044)
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 951.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Ms. Leger Fernandez moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **Dec 18, 2025:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 198 (Roll no. 358).
- **Dec 16, 2025:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 951 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4776, H.R. 1366, H.R. 845, H.R. 3616, H.R. 3632 and H.R. 4371. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 4776, under a structured rule and H.R. 1366, H.R. 845, H.R. 3616, H.R. 3632, and H.R. 4371 under a closed rule. The resolution provides one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Nov 25, 2025:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-386.
- **Nov 25, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 336.
- **Sep 17, 2025:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged
- **Sep 17, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 17, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 17.
- **Sep 3, 2025:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Aug 29, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 14, 2025:** Introduced in House
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