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License to Drill Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Jul 21, 2026

Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Jul 29, 2026)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/5039>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 21, 2026
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 29, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 7831	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2026: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Summary (as of Jul 21, 2026)

License to Drill Act

This bill extends through FY2037 the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM’s) authority to collect oil and gas permit processing fees. For each new permit application, BLM collects a fee that is transferred to the BLM Permit Processing Improvement Fund. (Under current law, the fees are authorized through FY2026.)

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2026:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 21, 2026:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 21, 2026:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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