

HR 526

Declaration of Energy Independence Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Jan 16, 2025
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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill reduces certain royalty rates, minimum bids, rental rates, and fees for onshore oil and gas leases on federal lands and modifies related leasing procedures.

Specifically, the bill (1) decreases the royalty rate from 16 2/3% to 12 1/2% for developing oil and gas on federal lands, (2) lowers the minimum bid amount from \$10.00 to \$2.00 per acre for oil and gas leases on federal lands, and (3) decreases the rental rates from a maximum of \$15.00 per acre to \$1.50 per acre for the first five years and \$2.00 per acre thereafter. The bill also eliminates the fee for expressing interest in a lease.

It also modifies leasing procedures to provide for noncompetitive leasing under certain circumstances.

In addition, the bill modifies the conditions for the reinstatement of leases that have been cancelled or terminated, including by reducing the applicable royalty and rental rates.

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