



Governmental Affairs Bill Tracking & Reporting (2021 Session)

State/ Session end	Bill No.	Sponsor (D/R)	Description	Status
Alabama Ends 5/17/21	Access all bills: http://www.legislature.state.al.us/aliswww/default.aspx			
✓	HB 408	R	For independent contractor status uses the permissible IRS 20-factor test	Enacted 4/19/21; Eff 7/1/21
Alaska Ends 5/19/21	Access all bills: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws			
	HB 33	D	Provides for penalties for discharges of oil and other pollutants	In committee
	HB 37/ SB 100	D	Proposes a state income tax; allows certain deductions and exemptions for taxpayers	In committee; (SB 100 failed to move in favor of HB 37)
	HB 81	R	Adjusts Net Profit Share rate through royalty modification on Net Profit Share leases	Passed House
	HB 82	R	Would open a small portion of land in the southern Kenai Peninsula to non-surface leasing	In committee
✓	HJR 12	R	Urges the Biden administration to allow ANWR leasing	Approved by Gov 5/12/21; Eff date N/A
	SB 2062	R	Removes an artificial barrier to allowing the offer of leases for oil and gas exploration in a small portion of the Cook Inlet, adjacent to the current leasing program	In committee
Arizona Ends 4/23/21	Access all bills: https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview?SessionID=122			
X	HB 2199	D	Would prohibit hydraulic fracturing in the state	Died in session
X	HB 2520/ SB 1688	D	Would prohibit hydraulic fracturing in the state	Died in session
X	HB 2828	D	Provides that a fee of not more than \$25 may be charged for each remote online notarial act	Died in session
✓	SB 1115	R	Provides for electronic notarial acts	Enacted 3/18/21; Eff 6/30/22
Arkansas Ends 4/30/21	Access all bills: https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/SearchByRange?ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R			
✓	HB 1076	R	Sets state Oil & Gas Commission appropriations, and allows the Commission to request the Chief Fiscal Officer "transfer \$10,000,000 in a one time, emergency transfer on his or her books and the books of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State from the Oil and Gas Commission Fund to the Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging Fund	Enacted 2/9/21; Multiple eff dates

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✓	HB 1273	R	Creates the Oil and Gas Owners' Lien Act of 2021 and provides provisions for the perfection of an oil and gas security interest, commingling of liens, rights of purchasers, lien priorities, effect on legal title, and lien expiration and enforcement, and rights of operators	Enacted 3/8/21; Eff 90 days after 4/30/21
X	HB 1367	R	Provides for remote, electronic notarial acts and retroactive effect in case of an emergency, such as a pandemic	Died in session
✓	HB 1442	R	Provide for electronic acceptance of documents and related database infrastructure for oil and gas extraction processes and procedures	Enacted 3/24/21; Eff 2022 (multiple dates)
✓	HB 1755	R	Amends existing law regarding the assessment of mineral rights for property tax purposes by amending assessment standards for the valuation of oil wells and production equipment	Enacted 4/12/21; Eff 1/1/22
	SB 14	R	Would allow for certain notarial acts to be conducted remotely in case of a declared emergency in the state	In committee
✓	SB 340	R	Updates existing law regarding the witnessing of certain documents by a notary public and provides for remote, electronic notarial acts	Enacted 4/30/21; Eff. immediately
California Ends 9/10/21	Access all bills: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml			
	AB 25	R	Repeals ABC test for independent contractors and reverts back to more permissive <i>Borello</i> multi-factor test	In committee
	AB 896	D	Collection of unpaid idle well fees from an operator; establishing the timelines and criteria for determining if a well has been deserted, and locating or collecting any costs from the operator or responsible party for a well that has been deserted or ordered to undergo well integrity testing or to be plugged and abandoned by the supervisor	Passed Assembly; in Senate
	SB 25	D	Express intent for legislature to enact legislation related to regulation of well stimulation treatment projects	In committee
	SB 47	D	Expresses intent for legislature to enact legislation related to orphaned wells; offers no specifics	Passed Senate
	SB 84	D	Amends provisions of existing law regarding orphan, idle and abandoned wells	Passed Senate
	SB 406	D	Makes numerous changes to existing oil and gas conservation law to enhance public transparency	Passed Senate
	SB 419	D	State regulator to develop a strategic plan related to oil and gas that incorporates protecting public health, safety, and environmental quality	Passed Senate
X	SB 467	D	Hydraulic fracturing ban	Died in cmte 4/13/21
Colorado Ends 6/12/21	Access all bills: https://leg.colorado.gov/bills			
✓	HB 1156	R	Fixes defects related to severance withholdings	Enacted 5/7/21; Eff 90 days after session adjournment

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	HB 1266	D	Creates the Environmental Justice Action Task Force within the Department of Public Health and Environment, and requires the Air Quality Control Commission to engage with disproportionately impacted communities on proposed state actions and includes enforcing emissions reductions in oil and gas and industrial sectors	Passed House
	HB 1311	D	Makes numerous changes to state income tax provisions	To Gov 6/17/21
	HB 1312	D	For the severance tax on oil and gas, requiring the net-back deductions used to determine gross income be direct costs actually paid by the taxpayer; and phasing-out tax credits and exemptions for the severance tax on coal	To Gov 6/17/21
	SB 114	R	Setback requirements regarding public school property	In committee
	SB 200	D	Amends existing greenhouse gas emissions reduction law by requiring certain regulatory processes and reduction planning by electrical utilities; provide for environmental justice	Passed cmte
	SB 281	D	Provides for state severance tax trust fund allocation	To Gov 6/11/21
Florida Ends 4/30/21	Access all bills: https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx			
✓	HB 121/ SB 228	R	Updates existing notary law regarding electronic and remote notarial acts	HB 121 enrolled; unsigned by Gov; SB 228 died in session
X	HB 283	D	Prohibits the exploration and production of oil and gas	Died in session
X	HB 333/ SB 722	R	Prohibits oil and gas permitting and production in the Everglades	Died in session
X	SB 546	D	Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in the state	Died in session
X	SB 720	D	Prohibits permitting, exploration and production of oil and gas in the state	Died in session
Georgia Ends 4/2/21	Access all bills: https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/all			
X	HB 334	R	Provides for remote online notaries public and notarial acts and related procedures	Died in session
Idaho Ends 4/2/21	Access all bills: https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2021/legislation/			
✓	H 107	R	Amends existing law to clarify the application and effect of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts on certain instruments and notarial acts	Enacted 4/23/21; Eff. immediately
X	H 237	R	Establishes the Sage Grouse Preservation Program	Died in session
✓	S 1065	R	This legislation eliminates authorization for use of the Governor's facsimile signature in the appointment and commissioning of notaries public, since these appointments and commissionings are now performed by the Secretary of State.	Enacted 5/10/21; Eff 7/1/21

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Illinois Ends 1/12/22	Access all bills: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp			
	HB 2870	D	Expands definitions related to forms of recorded instruments and provides for fees related to non-standard documents	Passed House
	SB 83	R	Creates the site value tax, but oil and gas and mineral rights not included in assessed value	In committee
	SB 97	D	Provides for remote, electronic notarial acts and related application and examination requirements	In committee
	SB 2664	D	Amends notary law to provide for electronic notarization and electronic notaries public	Passed both 5/20/21; Cmte assigned
Indiana Ends 3/13/21	Access all bills: http://iga.in.gov/			
✓	HB 1008	R	Recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses	Enacted 4/29/21; Eff immediately
X	HB 1132/ SB 257	D	Requires state reporting on employee misclassification	Died in session
✓	HB 1255	R	Makes numerous changes to probate law, including wills, powers of attorney, trust instruments, electronic recording, and notarial acts	Enacted 4/29/21; Eff immediately
✓	SB 188	R	Repeals the Unclaimed Property Act and replaces it with the Revised Unclaimed Property Act and includes sections regarding minerals and mineral proceeds	Enacted 4/29/21; Eff 7/1/21
X	SB 309	D	Requires state reporting on employee misclassification	Died in session
Kansas Ends 5/14/21	Access all bills: http://www.kslegislature.org/li/			
✓	HB 2022	R	Updates state authority regarding responsibility for abandoned wells and abolishes the well plugging assurance fund, transferring all assets and liabilities to the abandoned oil and gas well fund	Enacted 4/9/21; Eff 7/1/21
✓	HB 2196	R	Protects independent contractor landmen by providing that landmen providing services on a contractual basis are not considered employees	Enacted 4/26/21; Eff immediately
✓	SB 106	R	Adopts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, and provides for remote, electronic notarial acts	Enacted 4/21/21; Eff multiple dates
X	SB 177	R	Removes from the definition of employee landmen working on a contractual basis	Died in session
Kentucky Ends 3/30/21	Access all bills: https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislation/Pages/default.aspx			
X	HB 197	R	Updates existing law regarding electronic notarizations including definitions and remote notarization processes	Died in session

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X	SB 243	R	Sets requirements for the viewing of and access to recorded instruments	Died in session
Louisiana Ends 6/10/21				
Access all bills: http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=LAST				
	HB 26	R	Changes the value required for crude oil produced from stripper wells to be exempt from severance tax	To Gov 6/10/21
	HB 30	R	Reduces the severance tax rate for oil over a certain period of time and fixes the severance tax rate for oil produced from certain wells at the current rate	In committee
	HB 57	R	Exempts oil produced from orphaned wells, newly drilled wells, or newly completed wells that are undergoing or have undergone well enhancements including but not limited to re-entries, workovers, or plugbacks from certain severance taxes under certain circumstances	In committee
✓	HB 307	R	Provides relative to notary examination preparatory education and instruction reporting requirements	Enacted 6/1/21; Eff 6/1/21
	HB 658	R	Severance tax exemption for newly completed wells that are undergoing or have undergone certain well enhancements	In committee
	HB 661	R	Severance tax exemption for certain newly drilled wells	In committee
	HB 662	R	Severance tax exemption for certain orphaned wells	Passed both
	HB 617	R	Establishes Louisiana as a fossil fuel sanctuary state	In committee
	HB 705	R	Provides for the misclassification of employees and criteria for classifying employees	To Gov 6/11/21
✓	HCR 98	R	Expresses the legislature's opposition to a disproportionate increase in the taxation of oil and gas industries	Enacted 6/3/21
	SB 59	R	Provides for the risk charge against nonparticipating mineral owners in drilling units	In committee
	SB 171	R	Provides for severance tax exemptions and site-specific trust funds for certain orphan wells	To Gov 6/10/21
✓	SB 244	R	Provides for uniform definitions of independent contractor and employee and for penalties for the misclassification of employees	Enacted 6/14/21; Eff 1/1/22
✓	SCR 44/ SCR 56	R	Creates the Risk Charge Commission to study current law and consider making recommendations regarding the costs and risks in drilling a well in a unit.	Enacted 6/3/21 (SCR 44); SCR 56 withdrawn
Maryland Ends 4/12/21				
Access all bills: https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/proc.html				
X	HB 196	D	Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in the state, or the export of oil and natural gas produced by hydraulic fracturing	Dead/withdrawn from committee 2/4/21
✓	SB 212	D	Clarifies information that must be included in the notary public stamp; repeals a requirement that the stamp of a notary public include the notary public's jurisdiction, and specifies that for a notary public who resides in the state, the official stamp must include the county in which the notary public resides. For a notary public who resides	Enacted 4/13/21; Eff 7/1/21

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			outside the state, the official stamp must include the county in which the notary public was qualified	
X	SB 735	R	Provides for remote, online notarial acts	Died in session
Massachusetts Ends 1/4/22	Access all bills: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/Search			
	SD 21	D	Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in the state	Introduced
Michigan Ends 12/31/21	Access all bills: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(hybtdo1hgo2y4jsrnuzxecrb))/mileg.aspx?page=Bills			
	HB 4169	D	Would amend existing law to require certain public hearings regarding hydraulically fractured wells prior to permitting	In committee
	HB 4542	R	Notaries public requirements	In committee
✓	SB 1189	R	Allows for the electronic execution of certain documents	Enacted 12/29/20; Eff. Immediately
✓	SB 1187	R	Allows for electronic notarization of documents under the criteria as provided	Enacted 12/29/20; Eff. Immediately
	SR 67	R	A resolution to oppose the suspension of all oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	In committee
Mississippi Ends 4/1/21	Access all bills: http://www.legislature.ms.gov/			
X	HB 145	R	Would reduce the Chancery clerk fee for recording each oil and gas assignment per assignee per each book and page listed	Died in committee
X	HB 194	R	Would extend the repeal date on the authority of the state oil and gas board to obtain funds from the capital expense fund for the emergency plugging of orphaned wells	Died in committee
X	HB 555	R	Mineral estates separated from surface estate revert to surface owner after 20 years of nonproduction	Died in committee
X	HB 664	R	Oil and gas taxes to be paid by the interest owner and provides ad valorem tax exemptions	Died in committee
X	HB 767	R	Independent contractors; excludes services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment"	Died in committee
X	HB 906	D	Mineral estates separated from surface estate revert to surface owner after 10 years of nonproduction	Died in committee
X	HB 1037	R	Would replace the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Environmental Permit Board with the state Oil and Gas Board for jurisdiction and authority over sequestration of carbon dioxide	Died in committee
X	HB 1439	R	Would repeal the state personal income tax	Died in committee

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X	SB 2372	R	Would extend the repeal date on the use of disbursements from the Oil and Gas Conservation Fund for the plugging of orphaned wells	Died in committee
✓	SB 2648	R	State Oil and Gas Board would have jurisdiction over carbon dioxide sequestration and permitting for certain injection wells	Enacted 3/17/21; Eff 7/1/21
X	SB 2725	R	Removes the authority to use capital expense funds for the emergency plugging of orphaned wells	Died in conference
Missouri Ends 5/31/21				
Access all bills: https://www.house.mo.gov/LegislationSP.aspx				
	HB 133	D	Would modify provisions relating to the content contained in a notary public's journal	In committee
	HB 214	R	Establishes the criteria of a worker to be considered as an independent contractor, rather than an employee	In committee
	HB 1013	R	Provides for remote, electronic notarial acts and related procedures	In committee
	HB 564	R	Federal mining royalties on federal land in the state must be deposited in the newly created "Federal Mineral Royalties Distribution Fund" and directs allocations	Passed in cmte
	SB 148	R	Provides criteria for consideration of a worker as an independent contractor rather than an employee	In committee
	SB 439	R	An action to quiet title involving subsurface rights to real property, failure by any person claiming to hold the subsurface rights, other than the surface owner of the real property, to exercise the subsurface rights for a period in excess of 20 years shall create a rebuttable presumption that the subsurface rights have been abandoned by such person in favor of the surface owner	In committee
	SB 549	R	Defers to the guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service when determining whether an individual or entity is an employee or independent contractor.	In committee
Montana Ends 4/28/21				
Access all bills: http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\$.startup?P_SESS=20211				
X	HB 372	R	Exempts from property taxation certain oil and gas production property	Died in session
X	HB 404	R	Increases the maximum of oil and natural gas production tax revenue that a school district may retain	Died in session
✓	HB 498	R	Amends existing law to clarify the jurisdiction of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation regarding the primacy of mineral estates and limitations on planning district effects on the primacy of the mineral estate, to limit access to the mineral estate, or to limit development of the mineral estate	Enacted 5/14/21; Eff immediately
✓	HB 661	R	Revises taxation of stripper oil and gas wells, and provides for definitions and lowers tax rates on stripper oil production	Enacted 5/14/21; Eff multiple dates
✓	SB 24	R	Allows nonoperating school districts to retain oil and gas revenue	Enacted 2/23/21; Eff 7/1/21

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✓	SB 53	R	Provides the Department of Environmental Quality hard rock mining program the authority to apply improved permitting and regulatory actions to rock product mining facilities (dimensional stone quarries, rock pickers, and others) by streamlining the permitting process and improving the regulatory framework for such mining	Enacted 4/8/21; Eff. 10/1/21
✓	SB 230/ SB 249	R	Sets forth the agreement for payment of costs for implementation of the Montana Greater Sage-Grouse Stewardship Act	Enacted (SB 230) 4/23/21; Eff 7/1/21; Enacted 4/30/21 (SB 249); Eff 7/1/21
Nebraska Ends 5/28/21 Access all bills: https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/				
✓	LB 94	D/R	Updates the Online Notary Public Act to update validity dates for online notarial acts	Enacted 3/31/21; Eff dates within Act
✓	LB 650	D/R	Addresses carbon dioxide storage and sets provisions regarding reservoir estates and the priority of mineral estates and subsurface use	Enacted 5/26/21; Eff three months after session adjourn
Nevada Ends 6/1/21 Access all bills: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/				
✓	AB 245	D	Increases certain fees relating to notaries public and document preparation services	Enacted 5/29/21; Eff 7/1/21
✓	AB 318	D	Amends existing law regarding certain procedures and processes related to the administration of testamentary instruments or certain estates	Enacted 5/29/21; Eff 10/1/21
X	SJR 1	D	Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions governing the taxation of minerals extracted in this State and to require the Legislature to provide by law for a program to make payments to eligible persons in this State from a portion of the tax on the proceeds of minerals	Died In committee
New Jersey Ends 1/11/22 Access all bills: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/				
	A 1439	R	Employee misclassification (test used to determine status)	In committee
	A 1526	D	Independent contractors	In committee
	A 3223	R	Dormant minerals; reverts to surface owner after 20 years	In committee
	A 3303	D	Payment of independent contractors; recordkeeping; penalties; prohibition on retaliatory actions	In committee
	A 3903	D	Allows remote notarial acts during an emergency	Passed both 4/14/20
	A 5843	D	Employee misclassification	In committee
	S 863	D	Employee misclassification (employee status by default)	In committee

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New Mexico Ends 3/20/21	Access all bills: https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/BillFinder/Number			
X	HB 9	D	Creates the Climate Solutions Act, which establishes a climate leadership council, deadlines for the state to achieve specific reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHGE), requirements for state agencies to achieve GHGE reductions, and a number of definitions related to climate, economic development, and socioeconomic equity	Died in committee
X	HB 30	D	Would amend existing law to provide that a lease of water under a water right and subsequent use of that water shall not take effect until after the application has been approved in accordance with law	Died in committee
X	HB 50	D	Provides for a private right of action related to oil and gas injury and imminent harm, economic and otherwise, under existing statutes	Died in committee
✓	HB 51	D	Creates an environmental database including oil and gas information	Enacted 4/7/21; Eff 90 days after 3/20/21
✓	HB 76	D	Would allow the denial of a permit application or revoke any permit issued pursuant to the Air Quality Control Act if the applicant or permittee has committed any of the provided list of infractions	Enacted 4/7/21; Eff 90 days after 3/20/21
X	HB 95	D	Would amend certain Water Code sections to impose new requirements on the Office of the State Engineer when processing water rights permit applications	Died in committee
✓	HB 98	D	Omnibus Tax Act; amends existing law containing the definitions for the oil and gas severance tax act, the Oil and Gas Conservation Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax Act, and the Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax Act. For each act, the bill defines "volume" to ensure that oil producers report volumes in barrels, while natural gas tax remitters report volumes in a standard MCF format for natural gas at a pressure base of 15.025 pounds per square inch	Enacted 4/6/21; Mult eff dates
X	HB 136	R	Would create an exception to the New Mexico Subdivision Act for parcels divided for oil or gas operations	Died in committee
X	HB 148	D	Would increase the employer unemployment contribution rate by two-tenths percent starting January 1, 2022	Cmte pass; Died in session
X	HB 159	R	Would amend provisions governing rulemaking under the Public Health Emergency Response Act to prohibit agencies from promulgating rules that add to or alter state statutes when a public health order is in effect, unless the proposed rule changes are authorized by the governor	Cmte referral; Died in session
X	HB 181	R	Regarding severance taxes, the tax on carbon dioxide shall be zero percent until December 31, 2030 for a qualified enhanced recovery project that involves the injection of captured carbon dioxide in the process of displacing oil and other liquid hydrocarbons that is demonstrated to sequester the carbon dioxide pursuant to rules promulgated by the department	Cmte referral; Died in session

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X	HB 265	D	Provides for land conservation and related processes	Passed House; Died in Senate
X	HJM 3/ SJM 3	R	Would request that “a waiver be requested of President Joe Biden’s administration to the recent sixty-day suspension of new oil and gas leasing and drilling permits for federal lands in New Mexico”	Cmte referral; Died in session
✓	SB 8	D	Would amend existing law to allow the state and local governments to adopt certain environmental regulations that are more stringent than federal regulations	Enacted 4/8/21; Eff 7/1/21
✓	SB 12	D	Would enact the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, which among provisions allows for remote notarization, electronic signatures, sets fees, and provides for certain administrative processes	Enacted 4/6/21; Eff 1/1/22
X	SB 67	D	Would enact a new section of the Public Utility Act to require that new and replacement energy generation capacity constructed on or after July 1, 2021 only generate clean energy	Cmte pass; Died in session
X	SB 86	D	Would prohibit the use of fresh water in oil and gas production; creates spills, leaks, and other releases penalties; and provides for the promotion of public health, among other provisions	Cmte pass; Died in session
✓	SB 112	D	Would appropriate funds to create the sustainable economy task force for the purpose of developing an annually updated strategic plan to transition the state economy away from reliance on natural resource extraction	Enacted 4/5/21; Eff. 7/1/21
X	SB 149	D	Would prohibit the issuance of new hydraulic fracturing permits	Cmte pass; Died in session
X	SB 296	D	Increases penalties for violations, noncompliance, and failure to correct noncompliance related to the New Mexico Mining Act, the Air Quality Control Act, the Hazardous Waste Act, the Water Quality Act, and the Solid Waste Act	Cmte pass; Died in session
X	SJR 2	D	Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to eliminate the governor’s pocket veto	Cmte pass; Died in session
X	SJR 3	D	Would amend the state constitution to include a right of the people of the state to a clean and healthy environment and to protect natural resources on behalf of the people	Cmte pass on substitute; Died in session
New York Ends 1/1/23				
Access all bills: https://nyassembly.gov/leg/				
	AB 6899	D	Prohibits non-disclosure clauses in leases of real property to be used for hydraulic fracturing	In committee
North Carolina Ends 1/5/22				
Access all bills: https://www.ncleg.gov/Legislation				
North Dakota Ends 4/28/21				
Access all bills: https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/regular				
X	HB 1054	R	Regarding abandoned wells, requires the Industrial Commission to require the well to be placed immediately	Died in session

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			on a single-well bond in an amount equal to the cost of plugging the well and reclaiming the well site	
✓	HB 1080	R	Amends existing law to reduce the maximum rate owed to the Board of University and School Lands by royalty payors for late oil and gas royalty payments	Enacted 4/23/21; Eff. 8/1/21
✓	HCR 3027	R	Concurrent resolution urging President Biden to continue oil development on federal land and on federal minerals	Enrolled
✓	SB 2048	R	Updates existing law regarding unclaimed and abandoned property relating to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act and provides new provisions for when a mineral interest is deemed to be used	Enacted 4/19/21; Eff. 8/1/21
✓	SB 2065	R	Provides for the board of university and school lands to lease lands under its control for the underground storage of hydrocarbons and the jurisdiction of the industrial commission to regulate the permitting and amalgamation of the underground storage of oil or gas	Enacted 4/19/21; Eff. 8/1/21
✓	SB 2217	R	Regarding royalty penalties which prohibits certain postproduction costs, sets forth arms-length transaction provisions for royalties, and includes penalties	Enacted 4/22/21; Eff. 8/1/21
✓	SB 2319	R	Regarding tribal lands, amends existing law relating to distribution of revenue from wells located outside reservation boundaries	Enacted 4/28/21; Eff. 9/1/21
✓	SB 2328	D	Relates to a tax credit for oil produced from a well site using an onsite flare mitigation system and provides provisions for the credit	Enacted 4/12/21; Eff through 6/30/23
X	SB 2339	D	amends existing law to require for wells covered by a blanket bond, the wells be placed on a single-well bond in an amount equal to the cost of plugging the well and reclaiming the well site	Died in session
Ohio Ends 12/31/21				
Access all bills: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/				
	HB 152	R	Amends existing law regarding oil and gas unitization	In committee
	HB 203/ SB 131	R	Would require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances	In committee
	HB 237	R	To require counties to provide an electronic means of recording instruments and accessing them, to allow county recorders to charge a document preservation surcharge, to increase recording fees for certain instruments	In committee
	HB 282	R	Amends existing law to establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt that commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine	In committee
	HB 300	D	To amend exiting law to ban the taking or removal of oil or natural gas from and under the bed of Lake Erie	In committee
	SB 171	R	Establishes conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from oil or gas operations as a commodity and to	In committee

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			exempt that commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine	
✓	SB 276	R	Revises/updates the Ohio Limited Liability Company Act	Enacted 1/8/21; Eff. 1/1/22
Oklahoma Ends 5/28/21	Access all bills: http://www.oklegislature.gov/			
	HB 1831	R	Removes a provision related to the reduction of the gross production tax	In committee
	HB 1833/ SB 467	R	Creates a new nuisance law and states that no action for nuisance shall be brought against oil and gas activities which has lawfully been in operation for two years or more prior to the date of bringing the action, and provides supporting provisions	In committee
✓	HB 2029	R	Amends existing law relating to ratification or approval of unitization plan by lessees and owners; removing the exclusion of royalty interest owned by lessees, or subsidiaries of the lessee, from counting towards the requisite percentage of royalty ownership needed to ratify or approve unitization plan	Enacted 5/24/21; Eff immediately
	HB 2080	R	Allows for garnishment of delinquent income taxes owed by a state licensee	Passed House; In Senate
✓	HB 2226	R	Fees for unclaimed property, including mineral proceeds	Enacted 4/28/21; Eff 11/1/21
X	HB 2230	R	Creates the Royalty Standardization Act providing working interest owners shall be responsible for the costs of production; and the proceeds due owners of a royalty interest shall not be decreased, either directly or indirectly, by any costs of production	Passed both 4/21/21; Conf cmte appointed; Died in conference 5/27/21
✓	HCR 1011	R	House concurrent resolution that state should not enter into any contracts with companies boycotting oil and gas industry or inducing any individual to boycott the industry	Enacted 5/26/21; Eff N/A
	SB 380	R	Provides criteria for designation as an independent contractor	In committee
	SB 389	R	Decreases gross production tax as specified	In committee
	SB 476	R	Amends existing law to provide a new provision regarding the improper or fraudulent transfer of wells	In committee
✓	SB 632	R	Regarding oil and gas liens, the bill adds new definitions of oil and gas rights proceeds	Enacted 4/20/21; Eff. 11/1/21
✓	SB 913	R	Provides legislature oversight of state agency regulations and ability to repeal agency regulations	Enacted 4/12/21; Eff 9/1/21
	SB 916	R	Amends existing law to provide for remote, electronic notarial acts	In committee
	SB 1003	R	Amends existing law to extend the required proceeds payment date for oil and gas production	In committee

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X	SB 1034	R	Removes the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board from directing the Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources	Passed both 4/22/21; Died in conference
✓	SB 1059	R	Extends sunset dates for the current excise and gross production taxes on petroleum oil and natural gas and/or casinghead gas from 2021 to July 1, 2026	Enacted 5/21/21; Eff 7/1/21
Pennsylvania Ends 12/15/21				
Access all bills: https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/bills/index.cfm				
	HB 353	D	Would require that well operators add tracer substances directly to fracking fluids before the fluids are used in hydraulic fracturing operations. "The addition of tracer substances would allow for the identification of fluids used by natural gas well operators which, in turn, would help regulators identify the party responsible for related water quality impairment	Introduced
	HB 423	R	Provides for income tax deductions related to oil and gas wells	In committee
	HB 1144	R	Conventional Oil & Gas Act. This legislation will provide a legislative framework for regulations specific to conventional oil and gas producers in a way that protects the environment while preserving this valuable industry	Passed House
	HB 1400	R	Rededicates impact fee to be distributed to local governments dealing with impacts of active pipeline projects and expanded public safety needs	In committee
	SB 650	D	Increases well setbacks	In committee
South Carolina Ends 1/7/22				
Access all bills: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislation.php				
	H 3055	R	Establishment of Department of Natural Resources	In committee
	S 119	R	Prohibitions regarding offshore drilling	In committee
✓	SB 631	R	Provides for electronic notarial acts	Enacted 5/18/21; Eff immediately
South Dakota Ends 3/29/21				
Access all bills: https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bills/44				
X	HB 1194	R	Provides for review of Presidential executive orders and whether the state should seek an exemption from the application of the order or seek to have the order declared to be an unconstitutional exercise of legislative authority by the President	Died on adjournment
✓	SB 72	R	Removes the notice requirement for listing and delisting species on the threatened and endangered species list	Enacted 3/8/21; Eff 7/1/21
✓	SB 193	R	Provides for notarial acts performed by video communications technology	Enacted 3/18/21; Eff 7/1/21
Tennessee Ends 5/6/21				
Access all bills: http://www.capitol.tn.gov/				

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✓	HB 633/ SB 4263	R	Regarding the registration of instruments, would require either a licensed attorney or the custodian of the original version of an electronic document, instead of the custodian of the electronic version, to certify the electronic document for registration by a county register	Enacted 4/20/21; Eff. 7/1/21
X	HB 1162/ SB 1139	R	Authorizes an attorney licensed in this state to acknowledge the execution of an instrument affecting real property in this state	Died in session
X	HJR 90	R	Urges Congress to approve the Keystone XL pipeline	In committee
Texas Ends 5/31/21; Gov deadline 6/20/21 Access all bills: https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx				
	HB 878	D	Repeal of the temporary tax reduction for certain high-cost gas	In committee
	HB 879	D	Repeal of the temporary tax reduction for certain high-cost gas	In committee
	HB 901	R	Would amend existing property law regarding eminent domain to provide conditions for a private entity with eminent domain authority to acquire real property for a public use and the terms for instruments of conveyance of certain easements, and their implementing procedures	In committee
	HB 902/ SB 986	R	Updates the Landowner's Bill of Rights as it pertains to eminent domain, creates an ombudsman for landowners, and creates qualifying and continuing education requirements for Texas right-of-way agents as well as added grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate as well as the creation of a probationary certificate	In committee
✓	HB 964/ SB 1260	R	Amends existing law regarding definitions related to drill cuttings and disposal language	Passed House; (HB 964); Enacted 5/18/21; Eff immediately (SB 1260)
	HB 1041	D	Restrictions on political contributions by a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas and of political contributions made in connection with the office of commissioner	In committee
	HB 1042	D	To change the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas and amend commissioner elected terms	In committee
	HB 1043	D	Increases certain administrative penalties enforced by the Railroad Commission of Texas	In committee
	HB 1282	D	Would prohibit prohibition against connection of a utility service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered to the end-use customer	In committee
✓	HB 1284/ SB 450	R	Relates to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) over the injection and geologic storage of carbon dioxide and amends existing law regarding enforcement, penalties, and operator applications for a certification from the RRC	Enacted 6/9/21; Eff immediately (HB 1284)

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	HB 1346	R	Would provide certain refunds for oil or gas severance taxpayers who do not hold a permit	Passed cmte
	HB 1377	D	Amends existing law to remove gas “produced from oil wells with oil and lawfully vented or flared” from the list of gas that is not taxed	In committee
	HB 1395	R	Makes changes to definitions and administrative officials and procedures regarding ad valorem taxation	In committee
	HB 1447	D	Allows for the use of remote technology in probate and guardianship proceedings	Passed House
	HB 1452	D	Directs the Texas Railroad Commission to establish a policy before December 31, 2025 for the elimination of routine flaring of gas from wells or other facilities regulated by the commission	In committee
	HB 1483	D	Regarding real property conveyances, would allow an action to remove an unconstitutional restriction in an instrument	In committee
	HB 1494	D	Would impose a 25 percent gas production tax on gas flared or vented and provides for an exemption	In committee
	HB 1501	D	Regarding eminent domain condemnation and possession, the bill sets timeline conditions for possession regarding litigation	In committee
	HB 1521	D	Would require the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System to adopt a formal policy goal to eliminate routine methane flaring on university lands by 2025	In committee
	HB 1683	R	Would seek to restrain federal law that inhibits oil and gas operations in the state	In committee
	HB 1834	R	Amends existing law relating to a mineral contractor or subcontractor’s lien to secure payment related to mineral activities to include “material, machinery, supplies”	In committee
	HB 1879	R	Relates “to establishing actual progress for the purpose of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.”	In committee
	HB 1913	D	Railroad Commission “may not issue a permit to drill, deepen, plug back, or reenter an oil or gas well unless the applicant submits with the application a gas capture plan to minimize flaring from the well” and provides related procedures and requirements	In committee
	HB 1959	R	Amends existing notary law by updating provisions related to identification and fee adjustments	Passed House
	HB 1975	D	Provides for the publishing of flaring information	In committee
	HB 1976	D	Directs the Texas Railroad Commission to conduct a study on natural gas flaring	In committee
✓	HB 2006/ SB 771	R	Notice requirements for commercial surface disposal of oil and gas wastes	In committee
	HB 2041/ SB 721	R	Sets certain disclosure requirements related to eminent domain regarding appraisal reports	SB 721 Enacted 5/18/21; Eff 9/1/21
	HB 2042/ SB 723	R	Sets certain requirements regarding eminent domain authority	In committee

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✓	HB 2044/ SB 726	R	Provides for establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity	Passed cmte (HB 2044); Enacted 5/24/21; Eff 9/1/21 (SB 726)
	HB 2131	R	Regarding the retention of instruments recorded in the property records of a county, the bill provides retention requirements	In committee
	HB 2144	R	Reforms tort of public nuisance to set out provisions governing the tort, including express provisions on the only remedies that would be available for public nuisance.	In committee
✓	HB 2189/ SB 13	R	Relating to state contracts, the bill would prohibit investment in companies that boycott certain energy companies	SB13 enacted 6/14/21; Eff. 9/1/21; HB 2189 left in cmte
	HB 2292	R	Relates to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place	In committee
	HB 2482	D	Would increase certain application fees, provide for active well status procedures and bond requirements, and sets plugging goals. Slim chance of advancing in the Republican-led chamber	In committee
	HB 2370	D	Relating to procedures for certain permit applications submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	In committee
	HB 2730	D/R	Regarding eminent domain, would amend the Government Code, Occupations Code, and Property Code relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with an eminent domain authority. Provisions include the specification of the text of a landowner's bill of rights to be published by the Office of the Attorney General, the creation of an ombudsman's office by the Real Estate Commission, and the requirement of certain terms in an instrument of conveyance of easement	In committee
	HB 2841	D	Requiring a public hearing for certain APDs	In committee
	HB 2868	D	Provides for financial security requirements for well operators and determinations of plugging costs	In committee
	HB 2881/ SB 1030	R	Provides definitions and applicability regarding nonparticipating royalty owners	In committee
	HB 2882/ SB 1031	R	Information to be contained in division order for certain wells	In committee
	HB 2883/ SB 1032	R	Information to be provided to a payee	In committee
	HB 2884/ SB 1033	R	Provides for notification of suspension of payments	In committee
	HB 2957/ SB 1583	R	Allows for inspection by the Railroad Commission of oil and gas facilities, including wells, by drones	Passed House (HB 2957)
	HB 3039	R	Relating to the electronic transmission of certain notices proved by the Railroad Commission of Texas	Passed House
	HB 3183	D	Requirements for gas well operators for cold weather	In committee

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	HB 3262/ SB 1259	R	Precludes cause of action against payor for withholding payments, unless for a dispute concerning title, the contract requiring payment specifies otherwise	Passed cmte 4/8/21 (HB 3262); Passed both (SB 1259)
	HB 3381	R	Relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to contract for the treatment of and sell drill cuttings	Passed cmte 4/19/21
	HB 3385	R	Relating to a landowner's bill of rights statement in connection with the acquisition of real property through eminent domain	Passed House
	HB 3409	R	Relating to the duty of a lessee or other agent in control of certain state land to drill an offset well, pay compensatory royalty, or otherwise protect the land from drainage of oil or gas by a horizontal drainhole well located on certain land.	In committee
	HB 3416/ SB 1599	R	Relating to indemnity agreements between contractors and subcontractors for services pertaining to certain wells or mines	To Gov 5/28/21 (HB 3416); Passed cmte (SB 1599)
✓	HB 3794	R	Regarding oil and gas liens repealing the first purchaser statute	Enacted 6/4/21; Eff 9/1/21
	HB 3973	D	Relating to the composition and use of money in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund	To Gov 6/1/21
	HB 4066	D	Relating to the adoption by the Railroad Commission of Texas of a permit by rule for the beneficial reuse of domestic wastewater and mobile drinking water treatment system wastewater produced at certain oil and gas drilling facilities	Passed House
	HB 4107	R	Relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by a common carrier pipeline	To Gov 5/28/21
	HB 4218	R	Relating to a cause of action for the bad faith washout of an overriding royalty interest in an oil and gas lease	To Gov 5/31/21
	HB 4222	D	Relating to the establishment of the oil and gas infrastructure security division within the Railroad Commission of Texas	In committee
	HB 4223	D	Relating to the adoption of a comprehensive plan to protect oil and gas infrastructure in the state	In committee
	HB 4268	D	Relating to the cold weather preparedness of gas wells	In committee
	HB 4367	D	Relating to the reduction and plugging of orphaned oil and gas wells; providing for the imposition of a fee and an exemption from certain taxes and fees.	In committee
	HB 4442	D	Amends existing law regarding the regulation of oil and gas waste, creates a tax exemption and imposes a fee	Passed cmte
	HB 4472	R	Relates to emissions reduction plan funds, and includes projects that reduce flaring emissions and other site emissions among the projects for which TCEQ is required to give preference in awarding grants under the new technology implementation grant program	To Gov 6/1/21
	HB 4524	D	Relating to the adoption of rules by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the discharge into	In committee

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			water in this state of produced water resulting from certain oil and gas activities	
	HB 4551	D	Would create the Land Title Review Commission to study and provide recommendations on providing alternative remedies to disputed land title claims before litigation is pursued	In committee
	HJR 92	R	Proposes a constitutional amendment concerning the right to repurchase real property acquired by a governmental entity through eminent domain	In committee
	HJR 93	R	Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking of property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the property to a private entity	In committee
	SB 127	D	Relating to the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas, the bill amends existing law regarding application dates	In committee
	SB 310	D	Repeal of the temporary tax reduction for certain high-cost gas	In committee
	SB 367	D	Amends existing law regarding an application for a permit for a well adjacent to a well blowout site in certain counties	Passed both
	SB 388	D	Creates a Methane Flaring Reduction Plan which directs adoption of a formal policy goal to eliminate routine methane flaring on university lands by 2025	In committee
	SB 423	D	Amends the service of notice requirements of a special commissioners' hearing in an eminent domain proceeding	In committee
	SB 601/ HB 3096	R	Creates the Texas Produced Water Consortium "to bring together information resources to study the economics of and technology related to beneficial uses of produced water."	To Gov 6/1/21 (SB 601)
✓	SB 615	D	Amends existing law regarding probate court proceedings	Enacted 6/14/21; Eff 9/1/21
	SB 622	D	Would add systems that reduce flaring emissions and other site emissions to the preference list for the new technology grant program	In committee
	SB 722	R	Regarding eminent domain appraisal reports, the bill provides that an entity that fails to meet the requirements of this subsection is liable to the owner for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the owner in connection with the entity's acquisition of the owner's property	In committee
	SB 724	R	Provides for the award of attorney's fees and other costs in an eminent domain proceeding	In committee
✓	SB 772/ HB 2201	R	Regarding the location of pits used in the production of oil and gas, the bill would require standards be established for their location	Enacted 6/15/21; Eff 9/1/21 (HB 2201)
✓	SB 833	R	Provides sales tax refunds for tax overpayments by certain oil or gas severance taxpayers	Enacted 5/20/21; Eff 9/1/21
✓	SB 885	R	Would amend existing law regarding the effect of recording a quitclaim deed	Enacted 5/24/21; Eff 9/1/21

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	SB 1006	D	Provides certain notice requirements for the Railroad Commission	In committee
✓	SB 1258	R	Relating to the duty of a lessee or other agent in control of certain state land to drill an offset well, pay compensatory royalty, or otherwise protect the land from drainage of oil or gas by a horizontal drainhole well located on certain land	Enacted 6/7/21; Eff 9/1/21
✓	SB 1259	R	Relating to causes of action for withholding payments of the proceeds from the sale of oil and gas production	Enacted 5/24/21; Eff immediately
	SB 1468	D	Amends existing law regarding oil and gas liens	In committee
✓	SB 1764	R	Relates to the payment of delinquent ad valorem taxes on property subject to a tax sale	Enacted 6/16/21; Eff immediately
	SB 2108	R	Relating to the financial security requirements for operators of oil and gas wells	In committee
Utah Ends 3/5/21	Access all bills: https://le.utah.gov/DynaBill/BillList?session=2021GS			
✓	HB 79	R	Modifies definitions related to mineral deposits and rocks	Enacted 3/11/21; Eff 60 days after 3/5/21
✓	HB 83	R	Makes changes to existing law regarding migratory birds	Enacted 3/11/21; Eff 60 days after 3/5/21
✓	HB 276	R	Expands eligibility for individuals to qualify for a notarial commission to those employed in the state and amends resignation requirements to account for the eligibility expansion	Enacted 3/16/21; Eff 60 days after 3/5/21
✓	SB 133	R	Establishes deposits of certain portions of severance tax revenues to specified established accounts and makes appropriations	Enacted 3/22/21; Eff 60 days after 3/5/21
✓	SCR 8	R	Expresses support for state's natural resources and energy industries	Signed by Gov 3/22/21 (not an Act)
Virginia Ends 2/11/21	Access all bills: https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/			
✓	HB 1836	D	Would change the title of the Secretary of Natural Resources to the Secretary of Natural and Cultural Resources	Enacted 3/30/21; Eff 7/1/21
X	HB 1937	D	Creates the Green New Deal Act which provides a moratorium on fossil fuel infrastructure and industry usage in the state and promotes renewability energy	In committee
✓	HB 2064	D	Providing for electronic and remote notarial acts	Enacted 3/11/21; Eff immediately

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✓	HB 2134	R	Providing PPE equipment to a worker in a communicable disease threat for which a state of emergency has been declared does not impact worker classification as an employee or independent contractor	Enacted 3/30/21; Eff 7/1/21
X	HB 2296/ SB 1323	R	Supports independent contractor status by providing that worker classification would be based on the more permissible IRS 20-factor control test	Died
West Virginia Ends 4/10/21	Access all bills: https://www.wvlegislature.gov/			
X	HB 2020	R	To simplify the criteria used to define independent contractors and to impose objective standards on the differentiation of independent contractors from employees	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2074	R	Emissions monitoring; setbacks from residence to 1,500 ft.	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2081	D	To withhold West Virginia personal income tax on natural resources royalty payments for nonresidents	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2132	D	Emissions standards; notice requirements; well setbacks	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2205	R	Streamlines abandoned mineral interest processes	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2227	D	Increases surface mine production blasting distance	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2282	D	Establishes production tax for benefit of Public Employees Insurance Agency	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2530	R	To clarify the definition of an employee for the purposes of unemployment compensation and workers' compensation to match conform with Internal Revenue Code provisions	Died upon adjournment
✓	HB 2581	R	Provides, among other tax change provisions, revised methodology to value oil and natural gas properties by the Tax Commissioner	Enacted 4/28/21; Eff immediately
X	HB 2589	D	Orphaned well responsibility	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2725	D	Funding for oil and gas well compliance	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2810	R	Removes severance tax from low producing wells	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2853/ SB 538	R	Unitization for shallow horizontal wells	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2879	D	Relating to anti-discrimination protections for independent contractors	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2889	D	To simplify criteria used to define independent contractors and to impose objective standards on the differentiation of independent contractors from employees.	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 2975	D	To provide that the limit of disturbance of a well site may not be closer to an occupied building than 2,500 feet	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 3051	R	Provides for standardization of oil and gas instruments, such as oil and gas leases, deeds, and contracts	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 3147	D	Purpose of this bill is to double the tax on the privilege of severing natural gas and oil	Died upon adjournment

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X	HB 3214	R	Reallocating and dedicating three percent of oil and gas severance tax revenues to the oil and gas producing counties	Died upon adjournment
X	HB 3300	R	Eliminate state's personal income taxes	Failed in session; not agreed to
X	SB 6	R	Purpose of this bill is to simplify the criteria used to define independent contractors and to impose objective standards on the differentiation of independent contractors from employees.	Died upon adjournment
X	SB 32	R	Clarifies the types of operating expenses that must be used for purposes of valuing producing oil and natural gas wells; provides related tax valuation provisions	Died upon adjournment
X	SB 72	R	Requires the sheriff to send notices to the owners of record and to each resident or occupant of real property prior to selling the property for which property taxes have not been paid	Died upon adjournment
✓	SB 272/ HB 2500	R	Simplifies criteria used to define independent contractors and to impose objective standards on the differentiation of independent contractors from employees	SB 272- Enacted 3/19/21; Eff 6/9/21
X	SB 362	R	Creates the Orphan Oil and Gas Well Prevention Act	Died upon adjournment
✓	SB 404	R	Creates a statutory fee for the modifications to permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Oil and Gas	Enacted 3/27/21; Eff 6/16/21
✓	SB 469	R	Permits the use of video technology for notarial acts	Enacted 3/30/21; Eff 6/17/21
X	SB 538	R	Providing for unitization of interests in drilling units in connection with shallow horizontal oil or gas wells	Died upon adjournment
X	SB 681	R	The purpose of this bill is to protect employees of the State of West Virginia and its political subdivisions from being commandeered by a federal agency or other agent to enforce federal regulations and other actions, related to extractive resources or related downstream industries, which do not exist in state law	Died upon adjournment
X	SB 712	R	Relating to oversight fees for certain gas-producing wells	Died upon adjournment
Wisconsin Ends 1/2/22				
Access all bills: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021				
Wyoming Ends 4/2/21				
Access all bills: https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2021				
X	HB 11	R	Provides an exemption to severance taxes as specified	Died in committee
X	HB 141	R	Relates to transfer and proceeds regarding public lands	House did not consider for introduction

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X	HB 145	R	Creates an exemption from ad valorem taxes for oil production from stripper wells	House did not consider for introduction
✓	HB 189	R	Amends existing law regarding the mine product tax, clarifying the imposition of severance taxes on natural gas that is consumed on-site	Enacted 4/14/21; Eff 1/1/22
X	SF 22	R	Would require acceptance of electronic filings in courts without an electronic filing system	Failed in session
✓	SF 29	R	Would enact the Wyoming Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts its related provisions for notarial acts	Enacted; Multiple effective dates
✓	SF 41	R	Amends existing law regarding tax liens and mineral liens	Enacted; Eff. 7/1/21
X	SF 45	R	Changes the recipient of ad valorem taxes on mineral production from the counties to the Department of Revenue, beginning with the ad valorem tax on mineral production from calendar year 2020	Passed Senate; Died in House cmte
X	SF 48	R	Increases certain limits on property, including mineral interests, related to probate law	Died in committee
✓	SF 60	R	Updates existing law regarding the ad valorem tax on mineral production and its corresponding payment due dates	Enacted; Eff. immediate
X	SF 114	R	For state lands, requires auctions under certain circumstances and provides for preferred rights in rental offers	Passed both 4/1/21; Gov vetoed 4/9/21
X	SF 149	R	Provides for specified severance tax reductions	Failed 3/22/21
✓	SJ 3	R	Requests Congress to rescind, reverse or repeal President Biden's executive orders that suspend or pause leasing, permitting, extensions and authorizations of oil and gas development in Wyoming (joint resolution, not Act)	Gov signed 4/6/21
FEDERAL U.S. Congress Ongoing	Access all bills: https://www.congress.gov/			
	H.R. 218	R	Saving America's Energy Future Act. The Interior Department and Department of Agriculture, administering the National Forest system, may not issue a moratorium on issuing new oil and gas leases and drill permits, nor renewals of such permits, on Federal lands under such Secretary's jurisdiction	In committee
	H.R. 455	D	California Clean Coast Act of 2021. Would permanently ban oil and gas leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California	In committee
	H.R. 479	D	California Central Coast Conservation Act. Prohibits federal oil and gas drilling on California's Central Coast	In committee
	H.R. 488	R	Saving America's Mines Act. Would prohibit a moratorium on mineral development on Bureau of Land Management and National Forest System land without an Act of Congress to preclude any unilateral executive action moratorium	In committee

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	H.R. 519	R	Safeguarding Oil and Gas Leasing and Permitting Act of 2021. Provides that an order or other action by the President, Secretary of the Interior, or Department of the Interior official imposing a moratorium on Federal oil and gas leasing or permitting shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted by Congress	In committee
	H.R. 544	D	Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2021. Would prohibit oil and gas drilling in the Arctic Ocean	In committee
	H.R. 684	R	Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act. Authorizes the Keystone XL pipeline and overrides any attempt by President Biden to override it through executive action	In committee
	H.R. 751	R	Protecting American Energy Production Act. Provides that the President may not declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing unless such moratorium is authorized by an Act of Congress	In committee
	H.R. 757	R	Protecting New Mexico's Jobs and Public Education System Act. Would exempt the state of New Mexico from Executive and Interior Department orders pausing oil and gas leasing, permitting, and related federal actions	In committee
	H.R. 794	D	National Climate Emergency Act. Would direct President Biden to declare a national climate emergency and mobilize every resource at the country's disposal to halt, reverse, mitigate, and prepare for the consequences of this climate crisis	In committee
	H.R. 803	D	Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act. Combined eight bills aims to provide extra protection to about 1.5 million acres of public lands by designating them as wilderness. It would also prevent new oil, gas and mineral extraction on more than 1.2 million acres of public land and preserve 1,000 river miles by adding them to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System	Passed House 2/26/21; To Senate
	H.R. 815/ S. 282	D	Arctic Refuge Protection Act. Would end the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program authorized under the Trump administration	In committee
	H.R. 859	R	Protecting American Energy Jobs Act. Would prohibit President Biden from issuing moratoria on leasing and permitting energy and minerals on certain Federal land	In committee
	H.R. 1187	D	ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2021. Publicly traded companies would be required to disclose financial risks related to climate change	Passed House
	H.R. 1492	D	Methane Waste Prevention Act of 2021. Would require the Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Land Management to set strict new standards limiting the amount of methane that oil and gas producers can release into the atmosphere from their drilling sites	House cmte passed
	H.R. 1503	D	Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021. Would amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments in leasing on Federal lands for oil and gas drilling	House cmte passed

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	H.R. 1505	D	Bonding Reform and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2021. Increases bond amounts and sets reclamation plan requirements for drilling on federal lands	Reported favorably first cmte
	H.R. 1506	D	Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021. Provides for the accurate reporting of fossil fuel extraction and emissions by entities with leases on public land	Reported favorably first cmte
	H.R. 1512	D	Climate Leadership and Environmental Action for our Nation's (CLEAN) Future Act. Ensures the United States acts aggressively to tackle the climate crisis this decade and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions	In committee
	H.R. 1517	D	Ending Taxpayer Welfare for Oil and Gas Companies Act of 2021. Amends the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments to the fiscal terms for fossil fuel development and to make other reforms to improve returns to taxpayers for the development of Federal energy resources	Passed House
	H.R. 1600	R	Methane Emissions Reduction Act. Would enable the Department of Energy to help states in reducing methane emissions from oil and natural gas production	In committee
	H.R. 1726	R	America Needs Worthwhile Resources Act or the ANWR Act. Provides that an order or action by the President or the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on oil and gas leasing shall not take effect without the express approval of Congress	In committee
	H.R. 1755/ S. 1276	D	Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. Would designate approximately 23 million acres of wild lands in the continental northwest as wilderness and prohibit oil and gas resource development	In committee
	H.R. 2081	R	To keep the Bureau of Land Management headquarters in Colorado	In committee
	H.R. 2132	D	Closing Loopholes and Ending Arbitrary and Needless Evasion of Regulations Act of 2021. To require regulation of wastes associated with the exploration, development, or production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal energy under the Solid Waste Disposal Act	In committee
	H.R. 2176	R	Ensuring Access to Domestic Mineral Production Act. To provide for the continued and uninterrupted production of domestic minerals in the United States	In committee
	H.R. 2184	D	End Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies Act of 2021. Would repeal certain fossil fuel tax subsidies or credits for oil and gas production companies	In committee
	H.R. 2415	D	Orphaned Well Cleanup and Jobs Act of 2021. Would amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to permanently plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells and the surrounding lands and to provide funds to States and Tribal Governments to permanently plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells and the surrounding lands	Passed first committee
	H.R. 2570	D	Climate Risk Disclosure Act of 2021. To reduce the chances of environmental and financial catastrophe by requiring public companies to disclose more information about their exposure to climate-related risks	In committee

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	H.R. 2640	D	Buffalo Tract Protection Act. Withdraws certain New Mexico lands from mineral development.	In committee
	H.R. 2644	D	Green New Deals for Cities Act of 2021. To provide direct funding to local, Tribal, and territorial governments to establish Green New Deal programs and initiatives, and includes an ABC test for independent contractors related to those programs and initiatives	In committee
	H.R. 2836	D	Florida Coastal Protection Act. Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida	In committee
	H.R. 3225	D	Restoring Community Input and Public Protection in Oil and Gas Leasing Act. Would amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments in leasing on Federal lands for oil and gas drilling.	In committee
	H.R. 3326	D	To promote the development of renewable energy on public lands	In committee
	H.R. 5435	D	American Public Lands and Waters Climate Solution Act of 2019. Pauses federal O&G lease sales for one year; requires Interior Dept. and U.S. Forest Service to effectuate GHG emission goals by 2040.	In committee
	H.R. 5552	D	Migratory Bird Protection Act. Oil and gas companies would face risk of criminal prosecution for unintentional killing of migratory birds	In committee
	H.R. 5575	D	America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Prohibits certain federal portions of the Colorado Red Rock canyons and the Great Basin Deserts in Utah from coal mining and oil and gas production	In committee
	H.R. 5585	R	Listing Reform Act. Amend the Endangered Species Act to consider the economic cost of listing a species as endangered or threatened	In committee
	H.R. 5636	D	Transparency in Energy Production Act. Impose certain disclosure and reporting requirements by "any entity seeking a lease" for fossil fuel operations on federal land	In committee
	H.R. 5775	D	America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Protect certain Utah public lands from coal mining and oil and gas production	In committee
	H.R. 5857	D	Fracking Ban Act. Bans hydraulic fracturing on federal lands and revokes permits as of 2021 within 2,500 ft of a home, school or other inhabited structure. In 2025, all hydraulic fracturing is banned.	In committee
	H.R. 5936	D	California's Land Preservation and Protection Act. Requires new BLM supplemental environmental impact statement for federal oil and gas development in California; EPA may override and halt oil and gas leasing	In committee
	H.R. 7400	R	Prohibits future U.S. presidents from using executive powers to ban hydraulic fracturing unless authorized by Act of Congress.	In committee
	H.R. 7435	R	Enables the U.S. Department of Energy to assist states in reducing methane emissions from oil and natural gas production	In committee
	H.R. 7781	D	End Polluter Welfare Act of 2020 would "eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production."	In committee

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	H.R. 8332	R	Plugging Orphan Wells and Environmental Restoration Act of 2020. Would reauthorize the federal orphan well remediation program for five years at \$50 million per year and would also establish a new grant program for environmental restoration and reclamation of orphaned wells on state, as well as private and tribal lands	In committee
	H.R. 8521	D/R	Landowner Easement Rights Act. Would place a 50-year limit on conservation easements under the Department of Interior and give owners of existing easements the option to renegotiate, renew, or buy out of the easement	In committee
	H. Res. 163	R	Resolution and not a bill expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should support, and not limit access to, all domestic sources of energy development in an effort to achieve full energy security, including by expanding use of renewable and alternative energy sources, and increasing domestic oil production	In committee
	S. 58	D	Would permanently ban oil and gas drilling in federal waters off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington	In committee
	S. 69	R	Conservation Funding Protection Act. The bill would require annual lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico region of the outer Continental Shelf	In committee
	S. 76/ H.R. 543	R	Protecting Our Wealth of Energy Resources Act of 2021 or POWER Act of 2021. Would prohibit the President from issuing moratoria on leasing and permitting energy and minerals on certain Federal land	In committee
	S. 171	R	Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act. Would authorize the continued construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline following President Biden's decision to revoke the cross-border operation permit	In committee
	S. 180	D	Buffalo Tract Protection Act. Would withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management lands from mineral development	In committee
	S. 498	R	State Water Rights Protection Act. Would amend current law to prevent a president from creating a reserved water right when designating a national monument, though it would not prevent a president from creating a national monument itself. Additionally, it would allow for water rights to be acquired for a national monument through the state system in which the water rights reside	In committee
	S. 563	R	Fair Access to Banking Act. Would require banks of a certain size to lend to the fossil fuel industry if the same criteria were met by other industries	In committee
	S. 607	D	End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021. Prohibits speculative oil and gas leasing on federal lands	In committee
	S. 609	D	Ruby Mountains Protection Act. Would withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from oil and gas leasing and operations	In committee
	S. 624	D/R	Fair Returns for Public Lands Act of 2021. Would raise royalty rates on federal onshore oil and gas leases	In committee

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	S. 641	D	Landowner Fairness Act. Would end the legal presumption that gas exports are by definition in the public interest, standardize gas developers' communications to landowners while also setting time limits on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission actions, sets stricter standards on eminent domain claims, and provides a more robust appeals process for landowners	In committee
	S. 655	D	Ending Natural Gas Companies' Seizure of Land for Export Profits Act. Would strengthen the rights of landowners facing eminent domain claims from private companies to confiscate property for natural gas pipeline development	In committee
	S. 855	R	Water Rights Protection Act of 2021. Would protect privately owned waters from being seized by the federal government	In committee
	S. 986	D/R	Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage Tax Credit Amendments Act. Aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by making tax credits that encourage carbon capture projects more available and easier to use	In committee
	S. 1038	D	Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2021. Would establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an Office of Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs. This office would provide analysis and technical assistance to help establish new regional greenhouse gas reduction programs	In committee
	S. 1076	D/R	Revive Economic Growth and Reclaim Orphaned Wells Act of 2021 or the REGROW Act of 2021. Would amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells and surrounding land, to provide funds to State and Tribal governments to plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells and surrounding land	In committee
	S. 1167	D	End Polluter Welfare Act of 2021. Would eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production	In committee
	S. 1201	D	United States Climate Leadership in International Mitigation, Adaptation, and Technology Enhancement Act of 2021. The bill "lays out a bold vision to assure the United States appropriately leads the global effort to combat the climate crisis through a new suite of climate foreign policy, climate finance and foreign assistance, and climate diplomacy programs and initiatives." Among the many climate change provisions and greenhouse gas emissions policies, the bill also "focuses energy specific assistance programs to support clean energy development."	In committee
	S. 1298	D	Clean Energy for America Act. Provides tax incentives for increased investment in clean energy but also sunsets the use of percentage depletion for oil and gas wells and repeals the Intangible Drilling Costs deduction	In committee
	S. 1537	R	Strategic Energy and Minerals Initiative (SEMI) Act. Aims to help American companies better compete in global markets by promoting domestic production of oil, gas, and minerals. Among other things, the legislation would direct the U.S. Export-Import Bank to create a strategic energy	In committee

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			and minerals portfolio to provide financing for infrastructure projects related to civil nuclear energy, natural gas, and critical minerals that would increase American exports	
	S. 1750	R	Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Act of 2021. To redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming	In committee
	S. 2818	D	Fuel Loss Abatement and Royalty Enhancement Act. Requires Interior Department to ban the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production on federal land onshore and offshore and promote the capture and beneficial use or reinjection of gas in such operations. Also requires oil and gas companies to pay royalties on gas that is vented or flared pursuant to this bill	In committee
	S. 3202	D	End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act. Prohibits oil and gas leasing on federal lands determined by BLM to have low or no potential for development	In committee
	S. 3247	I (Sen. Bernie Sanders)	Fracking Ban Act. Ban on federal permits for hydraulic fracturing-related infrastructure and a ban on hydraulic fracturing within 2,500 feet of homes and schools by 2021. In 2025, bans hydraulic fracturing nationwide	In committee
	S. 3533	R	Establishes minimum standards for electronic and remote notarizations and recognition interstate	In committee
	S. 3611	D	Disallows federal lease royalty reductions; moratorium on federal leases; disallows banks receiving CARES Act funds from lending to oil & gas companies; disallows oil companies use of SPR; extends public comment periods; suspends rulemaking favorable to oil & gas industry	In committee
	S. 4223	D	Amends the Mineral Leasing Act to ensure market competition in onshore oil and gas leasing by requiring the Bureau of Land Management to issue all oil and gas leases through competitive auction, ending noncompetitive leasing	In committee
	S. 4288	D	Would permanently protect 130,000 acres of the Badger-Two Medicine region as a "cultural heritage area" and prohibit oil and gas leasing on the lands	In committee
	S. 4041	R	Save American Vital Energy Jobs Act or SAVE Jobs Act provides relief to oil and gas industry due to COVID-19 pandemic by providing certain tax relief for capitalization and excise taxes; ability to amend federal lease terms; and provides for royalty reductions	In committee
	S. 4641	D	Public Engagement Opportunity on Public Land Exploration Act of 2020 provides greater landowner protections in the conduct of lease sales	In committee
	S. 4642	D	Oil and Gas Bonding Reform and Orphaned Well Remediation Act amends the Mineral Leasing Act to ensure sufficient bonding and complete and timely reclamation of land and water disturbed by Federal and Indian oil and gas production	In committee
	S.J. Res. 14/ H.J. Res. 34	D	Rescinds Trump-era methane emissions regulations under the Congressional Review Act	Passed cmte (H.J. Res. 34); Passed Senate (S.J. Res. 14)

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