



Governmental Affairs Bill Tracking & Reporting (2021 Session)

State/ Session end	Bill No.	Sponsor (D/R)	Description	Status
Alaska Session starts 1/19/21	Access all bills: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws			
Arizona Session starts 1/11/21	Access all bills: https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview?SessionID=122			
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	Prefile 12/7/20
	SB 25	D	Express intent for legislature to enact legislation related to regulation of well stimulation treatment projects	Prefile 12/7/20
	SB 47	D	Expresses intent for legislature to enact legislation related to orphaned wells; offers no specifics	Prefile 12/7/20
	SB 84	D	Amends provisions of existing law regarding orphan, idle and abandoned wells	Prefile 12/15/20
Colorado Session starts 1/13/21	Access all bills: https://leg.colorado.gov/bills			
Florida Session starts 3/2/21	Access all bills: https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx			
Illinois Session starts 1/13/21	Access all bills: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp			
Indiana Ends 3/13/21	Access all bills: http://iga.in.gov/			
	HB 1008	R	Recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses	Pass/in Senate
	HB 1132	D	Requires state reporting on employee misclassification	In committee
	SB 309	D	Requires state reporting on employee misclassification	In committee
Kansas Session starts 1/11/21	Access all bills: http://www.kslegislature.org/li/			

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	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	In committee
Kentucky Ends 3/30/21	Access all bills: https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislation/Pages/default.aspx			
	HB 197	R	Updates existing law regarding electronic notarizations including definitions and remote notarization processes	In committee
Louisiana Session starts 4/12/21	Access all bills: http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=LAST			
Maryland Session starts 1/13/21	Access all bills: https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/proc.html			
Michigan Ends 12/31/21	Access all bills: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(hybtdo1hgo2y4jsrnuzxecrb))/mileg.aspx?page=Bills			
✓	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
Mississippi Session starts 1/5/21	Access all bills: http://www.legislature.ms.gov/			
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	Introduced
	HB 214	R	Establishes the criteria of a worker to be considered as an independent contractor, rather than an employee	Introduced
	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	Introduced
	SB 148	R	Provides criteria for consideration of a worker as an independent contractor rather than an employee	Introduced

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Montana Ends 4/28/21	Access all bills: http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\$.startup?P_SESS=20211			
	SB 24	R	Allows nonoperating school districts to retain oil and gas revenue	In committee
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.	Introduced
Nevada Session starts 2/1/21	Access all bills: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/			
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
New Mexico Session starts 1/19/21	Access all bills: https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/BillFinder/Number			
New York Session starts 1/6/21	Access all bills: https://nyassembly.gov/leg/			
North Carolina Session starts 1/27/21	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			
	HB 1054	R	Regarding abandoned wells, requires the Industrial Commission to require the well to be placed immediately on a single-well bond in an amount equal to the cost of plugging the well and reclaiming the well site	In committee

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	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	In committee
	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	In committee
Ohio Ends 12/31/21	Access all bills: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/			
Oklahoma Session starts 2/1/21	Access all bills: http://www.oklegislature.gov/			
Pennsylvania Session starts 1/5/21	Access all bills: https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/bills/index.cfm			
South Carolina Session starts 1/12/21	Access all bills: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislation.php			
	S 119	R	Prohibitions regarding offshore drilling	Pre-filed; No bill text
South Dakota Session starts 1/12/21	Access all bills: https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bills/44			
Tennessee Session starts 1/12/21	Access all bills: http://www.capitol.tn.gov/			
Texas Session starts 1/12/21	Access all bills: https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx			
	HB 964	R	Amends existing law regarding definitions related to drill cuttings and disposal language	In committee
Utah Session starts 1/19/21	Access all bills: https://le.utah.gov/DynaBill/BillList?session=2021GS			
	HB 79	R	Modifies definitions related to mineral deposits and rocks	Pre-filed 1/6/21

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	HB 83	R	Makes changes to existing law regarding migratory birds	Pre-filed 1/6/21
Virginia Session starts 1/13/21	Access all bills: https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/			
West Virginia Session starts 1/13/21	Access all bills: https://www.wvlegislature.gov/			
Wisconsin Ends 1/2/22	Access all bills: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021			
Wyoming Session starts 1/12/21	Access all bills: https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2021			
FEDERAL U.S. Congress Ongoing	Access all bills: https://www.congress.gov/			
✓	H.R. 1957	D/R	Great American Outdoors Act. Provides conservation and national park funding through federal oil and gas revenues	Signed into law 8/4/20 Eff for 2021 fiscal year
	H.R. 2640	D	Buffalo Tract Protection Act. Withdraws certain New Mexico lands from mineral development.	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. 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

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	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
	H.R. 8332	R	H.R. 8332 - 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	H.R. 8521 - 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
	S. 180	R	Oil and gas permitting on federal lands. Would streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units	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

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	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