

H.R. 6009, Restoring American Energy Dominance Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 6, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 6009 would direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw the proposed rule, “Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process,” as published in the *Federal Register* in July 2023.¹ The bill also would prohibit BLM from implementing any substantially similar rule.

The proposed rule would restate in regulation provisions of the 2022 reconciliation legislation (Public Law 117-169) that established a fee for expressions of interest and adjusted royalty rates, rental rates, and minimum bids for BLM-issued oil and gas leases. Because those requirements would not be affected by the bill, CBO estimates that withdrawing the proposed rule would not affect those statutory fees and rates.

The proposed rule also would establish new fees and increase existing fees for certain lease applications and permits and would increase the minimum bond amounts required for onshore leases. Receipts from such fees and any forfeited bonds are classified in the budget as discretionary offsetting collections; that is, as a reduction in discretionary spending. Spending of those collections is subject to annual appropriation. Assuming appropriation of

1. See Bureau of Land Management, “Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process,” Proposed Rule, 88 *Fed. Reg.* 47562 (July 24, 2023), <http://tinyurl.com/39bjtnme>.



those future collections, CBO expects that any additional amounts collected under the proposed rule would be spent soon thereafter so that the net effect on discretionary spending would be negligible.

On that basis, CBO estimates that eliminating the collection and spending of those collections under H.R. 6009 would, on net, have a negligible effect on spending subject to appropriation.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Lilia Ledezma. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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