

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0002

Federal mineral royalties-state share.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management
Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

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2 and enact law to increase the state of Wyoming's share of
3 federal mineral royalties from fifty percent (50%) to eighty-
4 seven and one-half percent (87.5%).

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6 WHEREAS, in Wyoming, approximately forty-six percent (46%) of
7 the surface land area is owned by the federal government; and

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9 WHEREAS, under the federal Mineral Leasing Act, fifty percent
10 (50%) of all money received from sales, bonuses, royalties
11 and rentals from federal mineral leasing is distributed to
12 the states where the lands or deposits are located, excluding
13 Alaska; and

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1 WHEREAS, under the federal Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska
2 receives ninety percent (90%) of all money received from
3 sales, bonuses, royalties and rentals from federal mineral
4 leasing; and

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6 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2024, Wyoming received five hundred
7 ninety million nine hundred twenty thousand nine hundred
8 seventy-one dollars (\$590,920,971.00) in federal mineral
9 royalties; and

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11 WHEREAS, Congress enacted into law the One Big Beautiful Bill
12 Act on July 4, 2025; and

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14 WHEREAS, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act reduces the federal
15 mineral royalty rate for oil and gas leasing on federal lands
16 from sixteen and sixty-seven hundredths percent (16.67%) to
17 twelve and one-half percent (12.5%); and

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19 WHEREAS, the reduction in the federal mineral royalty rate on
20 oil and gas leasing on federal lands is estimated to reduce
21 Wyoming's state share of federal mineral royalties by
22 approximately six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) in

1 fiscal year 2026, increasing annually to approximately four
2 million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in fiscal year 2030; and

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4 WHEREAS, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act reduces the federal
5 mineral royalty rate for coal leasing on federal lands from
6 twelve and one-half percent (12.5) to seven percent (7%); and

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8 WHEREAS, the reduction in the federal mineral royalty rate on
9 coal leasing on federal lands is estimated to reduce Wyoming's
10 state share of federal mineral royalties by approximately
11 fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00) annually until 2034;
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14 WHEREAS, the reduction in the federal mineral royalty rates
15 will reduce the revenues available for Wyoming's roads,
16 bridges and highways, kindergarten through grade twelve (12)
17 education, higher education, capital construction, emergency
18 responders and general operations of government; and

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20 WHEREAS, transportation, education and emergency response
21 resources are vital to Wyoming and its citizens.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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4 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature requests that
5 Congress introduce and enact legislation that will increase
6 the state of Wyoming's share of federal mineral royalties
7 from fifty percent (50%) to eighty-seven and one-half percent
8 (87.5%).

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10 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
11 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
12 United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
13 of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress
14 and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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