

**DRAFT ONLY  
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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

Federal mineral royalties-state share.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management  
Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to introduce a bill  
2 and enact law to increase the state of Wyoming's share of  
3 federal mineral royalties from fifty percent (50%) to XX  
4 percent (XX%).

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8 **STAFF COMMENT**

9 **The Select Committee will need to determine what percentage of federal mineral**  
10 **royalties the state would like to request from Congress.**

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

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2 WHEREAS, under the federal Mineral Leasing Act, fifty percent  
3 (50%) of all money received from sales, bonuses, royalties  
4 and rentals from federal mineral leasing is distributed to  
5 the states where the lands or deposits are located, excluding  
6 Alaska; and

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8 WHEREAS, under the federal Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska  
9 receives ninety percent (90%) of all money received from  
10 sales, bonuses, royalties and rentals from federal mineral  
11 leasing; and

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13 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2024, Wyoming received five hundred  
14 ninety million nine hundred twenty thousand nine hundred  
15 seventy-one dollars (\$590,920,971.00) in federal mineral  
16 royalties; and

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

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21 WHEREAS, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act reduces the federal  
22 mineral royalty rate for oil and gas leasing on federal lands

1 from sixteen and sixty-seven hundredths percent (16.67%) to  
2 twelve and one-half percent (12.5%); and

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4 WHEREAS, the reduction in the federal mineral royalty rate on  
5 oil and gas leasing on federal lands is estimated to reduce  
6 Wyoming's state share of federal mineral royalties by  
7 approximately six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) in  
8 fiscal year 2026, increasing annually to approximately four  
9 million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in fiscal year 2030; and

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

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15 WHEREAS, the reduction in the federal mineral royalty rate on  
16 coal leasing on federal lands is estimated to reduce Wyoming's  
17 state share of federal mineral royalties by approximately  
18 fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00) annually until 2034;  
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21 WHEREAS, the reduction in the federal mineral royalty rates  
22 will reduce the revenues available for Wyoming's roads,  
23 bridges and highways, kindergarten through grade twelve (12)

1 education, higher education, capital construction, emergency  
2 responders and general operations of government; and

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4 WHEREAS, transportation, education and emergency response  
5 resources are vital to Wyoming and its citizens.

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7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
8 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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10       **Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature requests that  
11 Congress introduce and enact legislation that will increase  
12 the state of Wyoming's share of federal mineral royalties  
13 from fifty percent (50%) to XX percent (XX%).

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15       **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
16 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
17 United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress  
19 and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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