

House Bill 3569

Sponsored by Representative HELM

SUMMARY

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Imposes moratorium until December 31, 2026, on use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas exploration and production.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hydraulic fracturing; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 520.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) A moratorium is imposed until December 31, 2026, on the use of hydraulic**
6 **fracturing in the exploration for and production of oil and gas in this state.**

7 **(2)(a) For the purposes of this section, "hydraulic fracturing" means the drilling tech-**
8 **nique of expanding existing fractures or creating new fractures in rock by injecting water,**
9 **with or without chemicals, sand or other substances, into or underneath the surface of the**
10 **rock for the purpose of stimulating oil or gas production.**

11 **(b) "Hydraulic fracturing" does not mean drilling required for:**

12 **(A) Natural gas storage wells;**

13 **(B) Geothermal wells or activities related to exploration for geothermal energy; and**

14 **(C) Coal bed methane extraction wells.**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
17 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.