

House Bill 3613

Sponsored by Representative CANNON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Prohibits leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in territorial sea. Excludes exploration for scientific or academic research purposes or geologic survey activities. Requires that exploration for oil, gas or sulfur in territorial sea conform to certain standards.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to leasing of ocean resources; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 274.705 to 274.860 or 520.240, any form of leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur is prohibited in the territorial sea.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section do not apply:

(a) To exploration for scientific or academic research purposes, or geologic survey activities of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

(b) In the event the Governor determines that an oil embargo substantially affects the supply of oil to the United States.

(3) Any exploration for oil, gas or sulfur in the territorial sea allowed under ORS 274.705 to 274.860 by the State Land Board or the Department of State Lands must conform to standards of the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Program established under ORS 196.405 to 196.515.

(4) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Gas" means:

(A) All natural gas, gas hydrates and all fluid hydrocarbons not defined as oil in this subsection; and

(B) Condensate originally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir.

(b) "Oil" means crude petroleum oil and all other hydrocarbons produced in liquid form by ordinary production methods, regardless of gravity, other than liquid hydrocarbons originally in a gaseous phase in the reservoir.

(c) "Territorial sea" has the meaning given that term in ORS 196.405.

SECTION 2. This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.