

House Bill 2711

Sponsored by Representatives HELM, LIVELY (Pre-session filed.)

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

Relating to hydraulic fracturing; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 520.

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

(2) As used in this section, "hydraulic fracturing" means the drilling technique of expanding existing fractures or creating new fractures in rock by injecting water, with or without chemicals, sand or other substances, into or underneath the surface of the rock for the purpose of stimulating oil or gas production. "Hydraulic fracturing" does not mean drilling required for:

(a) Natural gas storage wells;

(b) Geothermal wells or activities related to exploration for geothermal energy; and

(c) Coal bed methane extraction wells.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 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.