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To delay further action on the proposed rule regarding well stimulation on Federal and Indian lands until such date the Secretary of the Interior submits a report examining certain effects of such rule.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2012

Mr. FLORES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Lands Energy
5 Regulatory Certainty Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELAY OF FURTHER ACTION ON PROPOSED RULE**
2 **REGARDING WELL STIMULATION ON FED-**
3 **ERAL AND INDIAN LANDS UNTIL REPORT**
4 **SUBMITTED.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the Secretary of the Interior may not, before
7 the date of the submission of the report under subsection
8 (b)(2)(C), take any action to finalize or otherwise imple-
9 ment provisions contained in the proposed rule entitled
10 “Oil and Gas; Well Stimulation, Including Hydraulic
11 Fracturing, on Federal and Indian Lands” (77 Fed. Reg.
12 27691 (May 11, 2012)).

13 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

14 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior may
15 conduct a study, with respect to each year of the 10-
16 year period immediately following the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act, on each of the following:

18 (A) The anticipated expenditure of re-
19 sources by the Bureau of Land Management for
20 such year if the rule described in subsection (a)
21 is applied, as compared to the anticipated ex-
22 penditure of such resources for such year if
23 such rule is not applied.

24 (B) The anticipated rates of development
25 and production of oil and natural gas resources
26 in the United States for such year if the rule

described in subsection (a) is applied, as compared to such anticipated rates for such year if such rule is not applied.

(C) The anticipated revenue to the Treasury resulting from the development and production of oil and natural gas resources for such year if the rule described in subsection (a) is applied, as compared to such anticipated revenue for such year if such rule is not applied.

(D) Any potential conflicts that may exist between the rule described in subsection (a) and State and Federal regulations that are in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) REPORT.—If the Secretary of the Interior completes the study described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) not later than October 31, 2012, submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate (and make publicly available) a preliminary report containing the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1);

(B) solicit public comments regarding the preliminary report submitted under subpara-

1 graph (A) for a period of 120 days after the
2 submission of such preliminary report to both
3 such Committees; and

4 (C) not later than May 1, 2013, submit to
5 Congress a final report containing the results of
6 the study conducted under paragraph (1), in-
7 cluding any revisions to the preliminary report
8 made as a result of public comments submitted
9 pursuant to subparagraph (B), and a response
10 to such comments.

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