

## LEASE OIL AND GAS IN ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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The Budget proposes legislation to authorize oil and gas leasing in a small part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), as a component of the Administration's energy development strategy. Revenues would initially be derived from bonus bids during the lease sales, with additional receipts collected once production begins.

### Funding Summary

(In millions of dollars)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2018-22	2018-27
Proposed Change from Current Law.....	0	0	0	0	-400	-500	0	0	-400	-500	-400	-1,800

### Justification

The Budget assumes legislation to authorize leasing for oil and gas in the coastal plain (the "1002 area") of ANWR. The first lease sale would begin around 2022/2023, allowing adequate time for the completion of appropriate environmental reviews and an updated assessment of the state of the oil and gas markets and lease bidding potential prior to scheduling specific lease sales. Additional lease sale(s) would be held in 2026/2027. Revenues would be shared equally with the State of Alaska, with most of the savings over the next 10 years derived from bonus bids paid during the lease sales. Additional revenues would be generated in the future from royalties.

The environmentally responsible development of a small portion of ANWR would be part of a broader effort to reduce the Nation's dependence on foreign energy sources. Production will take time, so it is imperative to authorize ANWR leasing now.