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Ocean Research Coordination and Advancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: SC • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	$D \cdot HI$		Jul 13, 2004
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		Jul 13, 2004
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 6, 2004
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 16, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 13, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ocean Research Coordination and Advancement Act - Establishes: (1) a National Ocean Science Committee (Committee); (2) a Subcommittee on Ocean Education; and (3) an Ocean Research and Education Advisory Panel.

Directs the Chair of the National Science and Technology Council to develop a National Strategy for Ocean Science, Education, and Technology.

Establishes a National Ocean Partners Program that identifies and carries out ocean science partnerships among Federal agencies, States, private industries, and other members of the ocean science community.

Establishes an interagency ocean and coastal education program to improve public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the role of the oceans in meeting our Nation's economic, social and environmental needs.

Establishes a National Ocean Science and Technology Scholarship Program to recruit and prepare students for careers with Federal agencies represented on the Committee.

Directs the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to: (1) develop an integrated research plan for NOAA; (2) establish and maintain an interagency marine ecosystem research program; and (3) develop support and coordinate education activities that meet certain program goals and that enhance public awareness of the science, service, and stewardship missions of NOAA.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 13, 2004: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 13, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8045-8046)
- Jul 13, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8046-8050)