

S 2688

Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 4, 2008
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 10, 2008
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 10, 2008
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 28, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 15, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5738	Related bill	Nov 19, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
110 HR 5956	Related bill	Nov 19, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act - Directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to establish a program, consistent with U.S. international obligations, to strengthen federal activities for ensuring that commercially distributed seafood meets federal food quality and safety requirements.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement to strengthen cooperation on seafood safety, including regarding examining and testing seafood imports, inspections of foreign facilities, technical assistance and training of foreign facilities for marine aquaculture, establishing a distribution chain tracking system, and labeling.

Directs the Secretary to increase the number of laboratories certified to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards.

Authorizes the Secretary to increase the number and capacity of laboratories operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) involved in testing and other activities under this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) refuse admission of all imports of seafood or seafood products originating from a country or exporter if the shipments do not meet Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) requirements; and (2) order an increase in the percentage of seafood shipments tested that originate from a country that may not meet the federal requirements. Allows admittance of individual shipments from that country or exporter on evidence from an inspection or a certified laboratory.

Authorizes the Secretary to send inspectors to an originating country or exporter to assess seafood practices and processes and to provide technical assistance related to FDCA requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-420.
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 880.
- **Apr 24, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 4, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1523)
- **Mar 4, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1523-1524)