

S 1836

Foreign Oil Pollution Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Nov 9, 2011
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 9, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Foreign Oil Pollution Act - Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make each responsible party for a foreign offshore unit from which oil is discharged outside the navigable waters or the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) before entering or posing a substantial threat to enter the navigable waters or EEZ liable for specified removal costs and damages that result from such incident.

Redefines "foreign offshore unit" to include a facility which is located within the EEZ.

Prohibits a limit on liability under such Act for any incident involving a foreign offshore unit in which oil is discharged and enters or poses a substantial threat to enter such waters or EEZ.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate the \$1 billion per incident limitation on expenditures from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for incidents involving a foreign offshore unit in which oil is discharged and enters or poses a substantial threat to enter such waters or the EEZ.

### **Actions Timeline**

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