

S 2147

Arctic Ocean Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act of 2012

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 1, 2012 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 112 S 2154 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Arctic Ocean Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act of 2012 - Establishes the Arctic Ocean Research, Monitoring, and Observation Program to be administered by the North Pacific Research Board with input and assistance from the Arctic Research Commission.

Requires the Program to include marine, coastal, and estuarine: (1) research of fisheries, ecosystem food webs, and spatial distributions of fish and other wildlife; (2) monitoring and observation, including expansion of the Alaska Ocean Observing System in the Arctic; (3) research, monitoring, observation, and modeling to support planning, environmental review, decisionmaking, evaluation, impact and natural resources damage assessment, and adaptive management with respect to industrial and other human activities in the Arctic, environmental change, and the interactive and cumulative effects in the Arctic.

Directs: (1) the Board and Commission to jointly prepare an Arctic Ocean science plan, and (2) the Board to submit the plan to the National Research Council. Requires that the plan be reviewed and updated at least once every five years.

Establishes a grant program to award grants for research, monitoring, and observation under the science plan.

Directs the Commission to annually review and recommend to the Board ongoing and future strategies and priorities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1199)
- **Mar 1, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1199-1200)