

## HR 4043

Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Current Status:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-606, Part I.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
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| Armed Services Committee    | House   | Referred to     | Mar 15, 2012 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Discharged from | May 16, 2012 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to establish Southern Sea Otter Military Readiness Areas for national defense purposes (thereby conserving the southern sea otter [otter] in such Areas while allowing reasonable military readiness activities). Allows certain incidental otter takings in such Areas in the course of a military readiness activity, while authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to revise or terminate such authorized takings upon determining that the military activities are substantially impeding otter conservation or the return of such otters to optimum sustainable levels.

Directs: (1) the Secretary of the Navy to monitor the Areas, at least annually, to evaluate otter status; and (2) the Secretaries of the Navy and the Interior to report jointly every three years to Congress and the public on such monitoring.

Requires the Secretary of the Interior, upon ending a specified otter relocation and management plan and in planning and implementing recovery and conservation measures to allow for the expansion of otter range, to coordinate and cooperate with: (1) the Secretary of the Navy, (2) the Secretary of Commerce regarding recovery efforts for endangered species, and (3) the state of California in continuing viable commercial harvest of state fisheries.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 17, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-606, Part I.
- **May 16, 2012:** Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Discharged.
- **May 16, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 16, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 13.
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 15, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Feb 15, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.