

## S 2911

Super Pollutants Act of 2014

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 18, 2014
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 9, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 2, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Super Pollutants Act of 2014 - Establishes requirements for agencies to evaluate, mitigate, reduce, and report on the following short-lived climate pollutant emissions (non-carbon dioxide pollutants that contribute to global warming even though they stay in the atmosphere for only a short time): black carbon (soot emissions that absorb sunlight, reduce the reflectivity of snow and ice when deposited on them, and generate heat), methane, and high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons (high-GWP HFC).

Requires the President to establish the Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Mitigation to address these pollutants through an action plan.

Directs the Department of State to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce black carbon emissions from international shipping.

Requires the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to prioritize black carbon mitigation activities as part of aid distribution activities.

Requires the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate the availability of high-GWP HFC alternatives.

Amends the Clean Air Act to prohibit the manufacture of any uncharged hydrochlorofluorocarbon-22 air-conditioning condensing equipment for residential use. Requires the EPA to determine whether the sale of R-134a automotive air-conditioning recharge kits to consumers represents an environmentally significant source of high-GWP HFC emissions.

Requires the State Department, the DOE, the EPA, and the Department of Commerce to provide other countries with technical guidance on containing emissions from gas drilling, landfills, coal mining, and agriculture.

Directs the EPA to establish an inspection and maintenance program for equipment that has high leak rates of methane gas.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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