

HR 3780

Ocean Energy Safety and Technology Improvement Act of 2013

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Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Jan 8, 2014)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 27, 2013
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 8, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ocean Energy Safety and Technology Improvement Act of 2013 - Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, with respect to the consideration of permits for geological explorations and development and production, to allow the Secretary of the Interior to give priority to reviewing and processing plans and applications that use, develop, or demonstrate new safety-enhancing technologies.

Directs the Secretary to establish: (1) a small business innovation research program or technology transfer program, or both, to broaden participation in the development of safer technologies for offshore oil and gas exploration and development; and (2) an Ocean Energy Safety Institute, as a collaborative federally funded research and development center or university-affiliated research center, to enhance safe and responsible operations across the offshore oil and gas industry. Funds operations of the Institute through an annual fee applicable to areas of the outer Continental Shelf subject to an oil or gas lease under which production is not occurring.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Dec 27, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Dec 16, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 16, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1877-1878)
- **Dec 16, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.