

## S 1794

Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 21, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 1, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 16, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3927	Related bill	<b>Nov 10, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
114 HR 3632	Identical bill	<b>Oct 16, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
114 S 2155	Related bill	<b>Oct 7, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2015**

This bill declares that it is the policy of the United States that the Arctic Ocean should be managed for the best interests of the people of the United States, including by keeping fossil fuels in the ground to avoid the dangerous impacts of climate change.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act is amended to prohibit the Department of the Interior from issuing or renewing a lease or any other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in the Arctic Ocean, including the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas.

### **Actions Timeline**

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