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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

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| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | Oct 26, 2015 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] | R · IA | | Oct 26, 2015 |
| Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL] | D · FL | | Oct 26, 2015 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | Oct 26, 2015 |
| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] | R · SD | | Oct 26, 2015 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Oct 29, 2015 |
| Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH] | R · NH | | Nov 18, 2015 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Nov 18, 2015 |

Committee Activity

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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Reported By | Nov 28, 2016 |

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 2829 | Related bill | Dec 9, 2016: By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 114-402. |
| 114 HR 2743 | Related bill | Jul 1, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. |

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(Sec. 101) This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to develop policies on the prevention of and response to sexual harassment or assaults involving its employees, NOAA's commissioned officer corps, and individuals who work with or conduct business on behalf of NOAA. Those policies must include procedures for reporting incidents, including those occurring after-hours, at sea, or in remote locations.

NOAA must: (1) ensure that at least one of its employees who handle matters relating to equal employment opportunity or sexual harassment is stationed in each of its regions of operation and in each of its marine and aviation centers, (2) establish victim advocates to aid victims of sexual assault, and (3) submit an annual report on sexual assaults.

The bill establishes protections for victims, including through a change of duty station of an alleged perpetrator.

(Sec. 201) The bill revises the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002. The bill sets forth new requirements under that Act concerning obligated service requirements, training and physical fitness, education loan assistance, recruitment, hiring and promotions, and other workforce issues.

NOAA must develop and implement a charter vessel safety policy applicable to the acquisition by NOAA of charter vessel services.

(Sec. 301) The bill revises and reauthorizes through FY2020 the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 28, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-384.
- **Nov 28, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 688.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 26, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 26, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.