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Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 18, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1684	Related bill	Apr 27, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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This bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make foreign facilities that are located offshore and outside the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) liable for removal costs and damages that result from oil spills that reach (or threaten to reach) U.S. navigable waters, adjoining shorelines, or the EEZ. Specifically, the following parties may be held liable: (1) the owners or operators of the foreign facilities, including facilities located in, on, or under any land within foreign countries; and (2) the holders of a right of use and easement granted under applicable foreign law for the area in which the facility is located.

Actions Timeline

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