

## S 561

### Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Feb 25, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Feb 25, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/561>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 25, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Animals

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2406	Related bill	Mar 1, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
114 S 659	Related bill	Feb 24, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 371.
114 HR 327	Related bill	Mar 2, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 S 405	Related bill	Feb 9, 2015: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15.

## **Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2015**

This bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct Department of the Interior to issue a permit for the importation of a polar bear part (other than an internal organ) from a bear taken in a sport hunt in Canada to any permit applicant who has submitted proof that the polar bear was: (1) legally harvested by the applicant before the May 15, 2008, listing of the polar bear as threatened, and (2) harvested from an approved polar bear population. Interior must issue these permits without regard to limits on importing marine mammals with depleted populations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 25, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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