

## S 1240

Public Engagement at FERC Act

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 25, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 25, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 25, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 25, 2017
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### Committee Activity

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Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

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115 HR 2656	Identical bill	<b>May 26, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

## **Public Engagement at FERC Act**

This bill amends the Federal Power Act to revise and expand the Office of Public Participation in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and rename it as the Office of Public Participation and Consumer Advocacy.

The office may participate in FERC proceedings on rates, service, and infrastructure siting to represent the interests of the public and issue guidance for potential improvements to industry and FERC practices.

Additionally, the office must establish a Public and Consumer Advocacy Advisory Committee to review rates, services, and disputes and make recommendations to the office.

## **Actions Timeline**

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