

S 1425

Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 26, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 1, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 27, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill revises and reauthorizes through FY2021 the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

The Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) is a network of federal and regional entities that provide information about the nation's coasts and oceans, as well as the Great Lakes.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must: (1) serve as the lead federal agency for the implementation of the IOOS, and (2) establish an IOOS Program Office to oversee daily operations and coordination of the IOOS. The bill outlines the requirements for NOAA as the lead agency.

The bill establishes a process for regional associations to certify their regional coastal observing systems.

The Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology of the National Science and Technology Council must: (1) conduct an Ocean Chemistry Coastal Community Vulnerability Assessment on ocean acidification within a year and every five years thereafter; and (2) develop a plan to deploy ocean acidification sensors prioritized by the threat to coastal economies and ecosystems, gaps in data on ocean acidification, and research needs.

The National Science Foundation's research on ocean acidification must include research on: (1) impacts of multiple stressors on ecosystems exhibiting hypoxia (a dead zone that is depleted of oxygen), harmful algal blooms (rapid accumulation of algae), or sediment delivery; and (2) the effects of those impacts combined with changes in ocean chemistry.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jan 9, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Jan 9, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 9, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 8, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S69-75)
- **Jan 8, 2018:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S69-72)
- **Jan 8, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S72)
- **Jan 8, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S72)
- **Nov 27, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-186.
- **Nov 27, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 265.
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.