

S 3508

Save Our Seas Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 26, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Sep 26, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 26, 2018

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 756	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-391.
115 HR 6175	Related bill	Nov 13, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 798.
115 HR 6206	Related bill	Nov 13, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 799.

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This bill addresses marine debris and maritime safety issues.

Specifically, the bill amends the Marine Debris Act to reauthorize through FY2022 and revise the Marine Debris Program, including to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to respond to severe marine debris events.

In addition, the bill expresses support for the Great Lakes Land-Based Marine Debris Action Plan.

Hamm Alert Maritime Safety Act of 2018

The bill establishes marine safety requirements, such as requirements concerning vessel inspections, safety management plans, safety equipment, voyage data recorders, technology used in rescue operations, oversight of recognized organizations that act on behalf of the Coast Guard, and timely weather forecasts and hazard advisories.

Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise Act

The U.S. Coast Guard may establish a Blue Technology Center of Expertise to promote awareness about blue technologies and their potential to enhance the Coast Guard's mission readiness and operational performance. Blue technology includes technology that supports maritime domain awareness (e.g., surveillance), search and rescue, emergency response, maritime law enforcement, or protection of the marine environment.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-265.
- **Oct 2, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Mr. Denham asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H9135-9138)
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H9135-9138)
- **Sep 27, 2018:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H9135-9138)
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6330-6334; text: CR S6331-6334)
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