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Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Dec 13, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 13, 2018
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 13, 2018
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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 13, 2018
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 13, 2018)

Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2018

This bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to revise requirements governing the liability of parties that are responsible for oil discharges from offshore facilities into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. Under current law, responsible parties are liable for the total of all removal costs plus \$75 million. The bill: (1) removes the cap of \$75 million on liability, and (2) makes the responsible parties liable for all covered damages. Covered damages includes damages for: (1) loss of natural resources, property, revenue, or profits; or (2) costs of providing increased public services during or after removal activities, such as fire protection.

Actions Timeline

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