

## HR 4304

Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Nov 8, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 8, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6922	Related bill	<b>Sep 26, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## **Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017**

This bill prohibits an employer from discharging or discriminating against employees working in waters above the Outer Continental Shelf who report or testify about violations of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, including about unsafe conditions or the adequacy of any oil spill response plan required by law.

The bill sets forth procedures for the filing, investigation, and adjudication of a whistle-blower complaint.

Employers are required to:

- post a notice approved by the Department of Labor explaining employee rights and remedies in a conspicuous workplace location;
- provide training to employees about their rights within 30 days of employment, and at least once every 12 months thereafter; and
- provide employees with a card containing a toll free telephone number for obtaining information or for filing a complaint.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 8, 2017:** Introduced in House
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