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### Coal Cleanup Taxpayer Protection Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 30, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 4, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 30, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1819	Identical bill	<b>Apr 11, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

## **Coal Cleanup Taxpayer Protection Act**

This bill amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to prohibit the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE) and state regulatory authorities from accepting new self-bonds for coal reclamation. Additionally, any existing self-bonds or corporate bonds utilized for coal reclamation must be converted to surety or collateral bonds.

The OSMRE may approve state or federal alternative coal mining bond programs that result in no greater risk of financial liability to the federal government than a surety or collateral bond program.

The bill also requires the OSMRE to issue rules establishing limitations on surety bonds to minimize the financial liability to the federal or state government.

## **Actions Timeline**

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