

## S 1821

Marine Energy Research and Development Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 4, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 11, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3203	Related bill	<b>Jun 11, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

## **Marine Energy Research and Development Act of 2019**

This bill directs the Water Power Technologies Office of the Department of Energy (DOE) to carry out a program to accelerate the introduction of marine energy production into the United States energy supply while fostering accelerated research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of technology, including programs to identify and study critical short- and long-term needs to create a sustainable marine energy supply chain based in the United States.

DOE must award grants to institutions of higher education for (1) the continuation and expansion of research, development, and testing activities at National Marine Energy Centers established as of January 1, 2019; and (2) the establishment of new centers.

DOE must also conduct a study to examine opportunities for research and development in advanced marine energy technologies to (1) support the maritime transportation sector to enhance job creation, economic development, and competitiveness; (2) support associated maritime energy infrastructure; and (3) enable scientific missions at sea and in extreme environments, including the Arctic.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 23, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with amendments. With written report No. 116-141.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 261.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-335.
- **Jun 12, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 12, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3367)