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Regional Ocean Partnership Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 24, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 25, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 10, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 29, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5056	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 5390	Related bill	Nov 17, 2020: Committee Hearings Held.

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This bill provides a mechanism for coastal states to participate in a Regional Ocean Partnership with one or more other coastal states that share a common ocean or coastal area.

Specifically, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may designate a partnership as a Regional Ocean Partnership if it (1) is established to coordinate the interstate management of ocean and coastal resources; (2) focuses on the environmental issues affecting the ocean and coastal areas of the coastal states participating in the partnership; (3) complements existing state coastal and ocean management efforts on an interstate scale, focusing on shared regional priorities; (4) does not have a regulatory function; and (5) is not duplicative of an existing Regional Ocean Partnership.

A Regional Ocean Partnership may use provided federal funds to award grants and enter into contracts for certain purposes, including to monitor the water quality and living resources of multistate ocean and coastal ecosystems.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-185.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 396.
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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