

S 2429

Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Aug 1, 2019

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 24, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Aug 1, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4160	Related bill	Aug 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

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This bill addresses the conservation and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems.

Among other things, the bill

- reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the Coral Reef Conservation Program;
- directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide block grants to states to support state coral reef management and restoration;
- requires NOAA to establish standards for the formation of partnerships among government and community members for the stewardship of coral reefs;
- provides statutory authority for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force to lead, coordinate, and strengthen federal government actions to preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems;
- requires the Department of the Interior to provide grants upon the declaration of a coral reef emergency to implement emergency plans;
- authorizes Interior to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and restoration of coral reefs; and
- establishes a National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 24, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7902)
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7941-7948)
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Aug 1, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.