

## 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)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2429>

### 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	<b>Aug 15, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

## **Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2020**

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**

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- **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.

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