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Offshore Wind for Territories Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Feb 14, 2019

**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearing

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-323. (May 14, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 26, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1014	Identical bill	Oct 11, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 182.
116 HR 4294	Related bill	Sep 16, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

## Offshore Wind for Territories Act

This bill addresses offshore wind development and coral reef conservation.

The Department of the Interior may conduct wind and mineral development lease sales on the Outer Continental Shelf in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to U.S. territories.

The bill establishes the Coral Reef Conservation Fund for the Department of Commerce to carry out the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, including to preserve, sustain, and restore the condition of coral reef ecosystems.

The bill also specifies requirements for distributing revenues from the leases authorized by this bill to the Treasury, the Coral Reef Conservation Fund, and U.S. territories.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 14, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-323.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.