

S 5081

Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Dec 21, 2020

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Dec 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

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| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | Dec 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Dec 21, 2020 |
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| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Dec 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Dec 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Dec 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Dec 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Dec 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Dec 21, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 22, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 S 4887 | Related bill | Nov 10, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 7781 | Related bill | Sep 3, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. |

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This bill revises requirements governing the liability of parties that are responsible for oil discharges from offshore facilities into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. Under current law, responsible parties are liable for the total of all removal costs plus \$75 million. The bill removes the cap of \$75 million on liability and makes the responsible parties liable for all covered damages. Covered damages includes damages for (1) loss of natural resources, property, revenue, or profits; or (2) costs of providing increased public services during or after removal activities, such as fire protection.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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