

## HR 6636

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Improvements Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Apr 28, 2020

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 464.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 464. (Nov 2, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6636>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (7 total)

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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 28, 2020
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Apr 28, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 29, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2782	Related bill	<b>Aug 13, 2020:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 520.

## **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Improvements Act of 2020**

This bill addresses sexual harassment and sexual assault involving personnel of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Specifically, the bill

- expands coverage of NOAA's sexual harassment prevention and response policy to include personnel such as observers and at-sea monitors, and voting members and executive and administrative staff of regional fishery management councils;
- directs NOAA to provide a mechanism for anonymous reports of sexual harassment to its Office of Inclusion and Civil Rights and sexual assault to its Workplace Violence Prevention and Response Program;
- requires NOAA to ensure that allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment are investigated thoroughly and promptly;
- provides for a restricted reporting structure that allows survivors of sexual assault to receive services without triggering an investigative process;
- revises reporting requirements on sexual harassment, sexual assault, and equal opportunity employment; and
- removes the requirements that acts of assault, resistance, opposition, intimidation, sexual harassment, bribery, or interference with a fishery observer be forcible in nature and occur on a vessel to be unlawful.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 2, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-566.
- **Nov 2, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 464.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Apr 28, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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