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BLUE GLOBE Act

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Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]
Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 9, 2021
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Mar 9, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3748	Identical bill	**Jun 22, 2021:** Committee Hearings Held.

Summary (as of Dec 17, 2021)

Bolstering Long-term Understanding and Exploration of the Great Lakes, Oceans, Bays, and Estuaries Act or the BLUE GLOBE Act

This bill addresses data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts.

Specifically, it expands requirements related to a study of the scientific workforce in areas of oceanic and atmospheric research and development. For example, the bill requires the study to include an investigation on whether there is a workforce shortage in the number of individuals with technical or trade-based skillsets or credentials suited to a career in oceanic and atmospheric data collection, processing, satellite production, or satellite operations. The study must also investigate actions the federal government can take to increase diversity in the scientific workforce and shorten the hiring backlog for such workforce.

The bill also directs the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to create an Electronic Monitoring Innovation Prize, which may be awarded for the development of advanced electronic fisheries monitoring equipment and data analysis tools.

NOAA must also seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate whether there is a need for an Advanced Research Projects Agency-Oceans within NOAA.

Additionally, NOAA must establish a program to improve the collection, aggregation, and analysis of data to measure the value and impact of industries related to the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts on the U.S. economy.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2022:** By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 117-74.
- **Dec 17, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 17, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 206.
- **May 12, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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