

## HR 1689

Offshore Wind for Territories Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (Jun 22, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Mar 9, 2021
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Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Mar 9, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jun 21, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 19, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 20, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4334	Related bill	Jul 30, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

## Offshore Wind for Territories Act

This bill addresses offshore wind development in certain submerged lands off the U.S. territories and coral reef conservation.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of the Interior to study the feasibility of conducting wind lease sales on the Outer Continental Shelf in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to U.S. territories. If the study determines that such leases are feasible, then Interior must conduct wind lease sales in those areas as specified by this bill.

In addition, 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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- **Jun 22, 2021:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.