

HR 6258

AQUAA Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Dec 23, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Dec 14, 2021
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Aug 5, 2022
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Aug 5, 2022
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Sep 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 14, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 23, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3100	Identical bill	Oct 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act or the AQUAA Act

This bill establishes standards for sustainable aquaculture in federal offshore waters in the exclusive economic zone and establishes related requirements.

For example, it requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a national plan to identify and designate aquaculture opportunity areas.

In addition, NOAA must establish a unified permitting and review process for aquaculture operations.

NOAA must also establish a grant program for research and development to support the development of a sustainable marine aquaculture industry, such as research and services to create innovative design and engineering solutions to common obstacles within the aquaculture industry.

Finally, the bill directs the Department of Commerce to create and provide resources for an Office of Aquaculture within NOAA to coordinate regulatory, scientific, outreach, and international issues related to aquaculture.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Dec 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.