

## HR 7970

### Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jun 7, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Jun 8, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7970>

## Sponsor

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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2022
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Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 14, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2022
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 7, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 7, 2022
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 7, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 8, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3866	Identical bill	Mar 17, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2022**

This bill directs the Department of Commerce to designate at least seven entities as Ocean Innovation Clusters. *Ocean Innovation Clusters* are hubs of operation and entrepreneurship for private, public, and academic stakeholders to collaborate on opportunities to promote and enhance the maritime industry.

In designating entities, Commerce shall prioritize entities with a history of supporting cross-sector growth and development of the Blue Economy.

Additionally, Commerce must designate at least one Ocean Innovation Cluster in (1) each of the regions covered by the five regional offices of the National Marine Fisheries Service, (2) the Great Lakes region, and (3) the Gulf of Mexico region.

Commerce may award competitive grants for the establishment, operation, and administration of Ocean Innovation Clusters.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 8, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, 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.