

HR 8514

SWIMS Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Sponsor

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Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jul 26, 2022
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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Aug 9, 2022
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Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Aug 12, 2022
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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Aug 12, 2022
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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Aug 26, 2022
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Aug 26, 2022
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Aug 26, 2022
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Aug 26, 2022
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 2, 2022
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Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Sep 20, 2022
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 21, 2022
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Oct 7, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 14, 2022
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 25, 2022
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Oct 28, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Dec 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 29, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4740	Identical bill	Aug 2, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3864)

Summary (as of Jul 26, 2022)

Strengthening Welfare in Marine Settings Act of 2022 or the SWIMS Act of 2022

This bill establishes prohibitions on capturing, importing, exporting, or breeding of orcas, beluga whales, false killer whales, or pilot whales for the purpose of public display.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from issuing any permit under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 that authorizes the taking (e.g., capturing) or importation of such orcas or whales for the purpose of public display. The bill further revises the act to make it unlawful to export such orcas or whales, unless they are being transported to marine mammal sanctuaries or for release into the wild.

Further, the bill makes it unlawful under the Animal Welfare Act for any person to breed or artificially inseminate such marine mammals for purposes of using their progeny for public display.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 29, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.