

## S 318

### Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Feb 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Dec 15, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/318>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 7, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 886	Related bill	Mar 12, 2024: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 346.

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This bill revises provisions governing the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation and the Marine Debris Program.

Specifically, the bill allows the foundation to use up to 12% of appropriated funds for administrative expenses. Those expenses may include employee salaries for the two years following the bill's enactment. The bill also allows the foundation to locate its principal office outside of the District of Columbia and encourages the foundation to locate it in a coastal state.

In addition, the bill requires the foundation to develop best practices for conducting outreach to Indian tribes.

The bill also requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to approve appointments to the foundation's board of directors.

NOAA may enter into other agreements, outside of contracts, under the Marine Debris Program. NOAA may also accept in-kind contributions for the program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 15, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 15, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 13, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5967-5968; text: CR S5967-5968)
- **Dec 13, 2023:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5967-5968; text: CR S5967-5968)
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 262.
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.