

HR 3873

Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2023
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3785	Related bill	Feb 8, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 1806	Identical bill	Jun 6, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jun 6, 2023)

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

In designating entities, Commerce shall prioritize entities with a history of supporting cross-sector growth and development of the Blue Economy. (Under the bill, the term *Blue Economy* generally refers to the value and impact of sustainable industries related to the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts on the economy of the United States.)

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

- **Jun 7, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 6, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, 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.

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