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North Pacific Research Board Enhancement Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]
Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 22, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 14, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 1071	Contained in public law	**Dec 18, 2025:** Became Public Law No: 119-60.
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Summary (as of Jan 22, 2025)

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This bill makes certain changes to the North Pacific Research Board, including changes to the board's composition and allocations for funding for administrative expenses. The board sets research priorities and administers grants to support research on fisheries and marine ecosystems in the waters surrounding Alaska.

Specifically, this bill adds to the board one additional member to represent Alaska Natives. This board member must have personal knowledge of and direct experience with subsistence uses of resources (the practice of relying on the surrounding environment as a source of food and material). The bill also imposes a three-year term limit on those board members representing fishing interests and Alaska Natives, and permits such members to serve one additional term upon reappointment.

With respect to funding, under current law the board may use up to 15% of grant program funding for administrative expenses (e.g., support for the board and grant administration). Under the bill, if the program's total funding in a given fiscal year is less than its total funding in the prior fiscal year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may increase the 15% cap on administrative expenses for that fiscal year. Any such increase must prioritize supporting the board's continued operation, maximizing funds directed to research, and maintaining high-quality grant administration. Further, the bill waives the 15% cap altogether for five years following the bill's enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 14, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cruz with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 119-80.
- **Oct 14, 2025:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 189.
- **May 21, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 22, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 22, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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