

## STAFF SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN THE 117<sup>TH</sup> U.S. CONGRESS

A summary of recent Federal legislation is provided below. Bill status is up to date as of March 23, 2021. None of these bills have moved beyond the introduction phase.

The full text of these bills can be found at the Library of Congress website (<http://thomas.gov>) or at <http://govtrack.us>.

### ***Bills introduced since March***

The following bills have been introduced (or reintroduced) since the March briefing book deadline.

- S. 58. **West Coast Ocean Protection Act.** (Dianne Feinstein, D-CA). Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. *Reintroduction.*
- S. 140. **BLUE GLOBE Act.** (Sheldon Whitehouse, D-RI). A bill to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts. *Reintroduction.*
- S. 497: **A bill to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants.** (Dan Sullivan, R-AK) *Reintroduction.*
- S. 276: **SAVES Act.** Amends the Endangered Species Act to prohibit the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened or endangered species. (Ted Cruz, R-TX). *Reintroduction.*
- S. 381: **National Ocean Exploration Act.** (Roger Wicker, R-MS). Establishes a new National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council. *Reintroduction.*
- H.R. 74. **Protecting Local Communities from Harmful Algal Blooms Act** (Vern Buchanan, R-FL). Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include algal blooms in the definition of a major disaster. *New.*
- H.R. 479: **California Central Coast Conservation Act.** (Jimmy Panetta, D-CA). To establish a moratorium on oil and gas leasing on public land on the Central Coast of California. *Reintroduction.*
- H.R. 587: **Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II.** (Scott Peters, D-CA). Modifies permitting requirements regarding pollutant discharges from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances. *New.*
- H.R. 610: **San Francisco Bay Restoration Act.** (Jackie Speier, D-CA). Establishes a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay. *Reintroduction.*

- H.R. 629. **MAST Act.** (Don Young, R-AK). Requires congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments. *Reintroduction.*
- H.R. 644: **REBUILD Act.** (Ken Calvert, R-CA). Amends the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to allow states to be assigned Federal environmental review responsibilities. *Reintroduction.*
- H.R. 660: **Shovel-Ready Restoration Grants for Coastlines and Fisheries Act** (Stacey Plasket, D-USVI). Requires Commerce to establish a grant program to benefit coastal habitats, resiliency, and the economy. *New.*
- H.R. 692: **Recognition of Local Interests in NEPA Decision Making Act.** (Liz Cheney, R-WY). Amends NEPA to provide a rule to determine the venue for a proceeding for judicial review of certain agency actions. *New.*
- H.R. 794. **Climate Emergency Act.** (Earl Blumenauer, D-OR). Requires the President to declare a national climate emergency under the National Emergencies Act. *New.*
- H.R. 849. **Scientific Integrity Act.** (Paul Tonko, D-NY). Amends the America COMPETES Act to establish scientific integrity policies for Federal agencies that fund, conduct, or oversee scientific research. *Reintroduction.*
- H.R. 998. **Offshore Wind Jobs and Opportunity Act.** (William Keating, D-MA). Establishes an offshore wind career training grant program. *Reintroduction.*
- H.R. 1354. **To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of portions of the Los Angeles coastal area in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the coastal area.** (Ted Lieu, D-CA). *New.*
- H.R. 1415. **To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives.** (Derek Kilmer, D-WA). *New.*

### **Bill movement since March**

None of the [bills or discussion drafts presented at the March meeting](#) have moved forward since that time.

### **State bills**

- Oregon's **House Bill 3375** (Smith) establishes the goal of planning for development of three gigawatts of commercial scale floating offshore wind energy projects within federal waters off Oregon Coast by 2030. The bill establishes a Task Force on Floating Offshore Wind Energy and requires the task force to develop and submit a floating offshore wind development strategic plan by September 15, 2022.