

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1445

To prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 10, 2025

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Arctic Ocean  
5 Drilling Act of 2025”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN ARCTIC** 7 **AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

8 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
9 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1       “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN  
2 ARCTIC AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

3           “(1) DEFINITION OF ARCTIC.—In this sub-  
4 section, the term ‘Arctic’ has the meaning given the  
5 term in section 112 of the Arctic Research and Pol-  
6 icy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

7           “(2) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of this Act or any other law, the Secretary  
9 of the Interior shall not issue or extend a lease or  
10 any other authorization for the exploration, develop-  
11 ment, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other  
12 mineral on Arctic areas of the outer Continental  
13 Shelf.”.

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