

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2155

To amend 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.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 7, 2015

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) 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 amend 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.

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 “West Coast Ocean Pro-  
5 tection Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING ON THE**  
2 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST**  
3 **OF CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN  
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—  
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any  
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a  
11 lease for the exploration, development, or production of  
12 oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental  
13 Shelf off the coast of the State of California, Oregon, or  
14 Washington.”.

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