

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit oil and gas exploration, development, and production on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PADILLA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DE-**  
2 **VELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION ON THE**  
3 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST**  
4 **OF CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON.**

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

8 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION,  
9 DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF  
10 THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
12 provision of this section or any other law, the Sec-  
13 retary shall not issue a lease or any other authoriza-  
14 tion for the exploration, development, or production  
15 of oil or natural gas in the planning areas described  
16 in paragraph (2).

17 “(2) PLANNING AREAS.—The planning areas  
18 referred to in paragraph (1) are the following, as de-  
19 picted in the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental  
20 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program  
21 published on September 29, 2023, by the Bureau of  
22 Ocean Energy Management (as announced in the  
23 notice of availability of the Bureau of Ocean Energy  
24 Management entitled ‘Notice of Availability of the  
25 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil  
26 and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program and Final

1 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement’  
2 (88 Fed. Reg. 67798 (October 2, 2023))):

3 “(A) The Washington/Oregon Planning  
4 Area.

5 “(B) The Northern California Planning  
6 Area.

7 “(C) The Central California Planning  
8 Area.

9 “(D) The Southern California Planning  
10 Area.”.