

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to repeal restrictions on offshore wind leasing.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS) 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 “Nonrestrictive Off-  
5 shore Wind Act” or the “NOW Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF OFFSHORE WIND LEASING RESTRIC-**  
7 **TIONS.**

8 (a) **LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LEASES**  
9 **OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**—Section 50265(b) of Public Law

1 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation Reduction  
2 Act of 2022”) (43 U.S.C. 3006(b)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

4 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “this Act” in  
5 the matter preceding paragraph (1) and all that fol-  
6 lows through “(1) the Secretary may” in paragraph  
7 (1) and inserting “this Act, the Secretary may”;

8 (3) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and  
9 (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, and in-  
10 denting appropriately; and

11 (4) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated), by  
12 redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs  
13 (A) and (B), respectively, and indenting appro-  
14 priately.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 50265 of  
16 Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation  
17 Reduction Act of 2022”) (43 U.S.C. 3006) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

20 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
21 paragraph (2); and

22 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “paragraphs  
23 (1) and (2) of”.