

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To institute a reduction in force moratorium at the National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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## A BILL

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Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other  
purposes.

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 “Saving NOAA’s Work-  
5 force Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN FORCE MORATORIUM AT NATIONAL**  
2 **OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRA-**  
3 **TION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that full-year ap-  
5 propriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
6 Administration for fiscal year 2026 have been enacted into  
7 law, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-  
8 tion may not conduct any reduction in force pursuant to  
9 sections 3501 through 3504 and 3595 of title 5, United  
10 States Code.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—For the purposes of carrying out  
12 subsection (a) such subsection shall be in addition to any  
13 other authority with respect to adverse personnel actions,  
14 including chapter 75 of such title 5.