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AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) Offshore Oil Drilling
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ISSUE

Historically, California has fought to protect its coastline and waters from the inherent risks associated with offshore drilling and exploration for oil and natural gas. California's policy to protect our coast and ocean-based economy has traditionally received bipartisan support.

For decades, the federal government has respected California's policy to keep new drilling operations out of state and federal waters off of our coast. However, on January 4th, 2018, the Trump administration announced a proposal to open up over 90% of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) nationwide to new leasing for oil and gas production, including six new leases in the federal waters off of California's coast.

Expanded oil and gas development off of our coast significantly increases the risk of oil spills, which endanger the ocean, our environment and wildlife, and our coastline. Additionally, offshore production threatens California's ocean-based economy, which generated \$662 billion in wages and \$1.7 trillion in GDP, according to a report published by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SOLUTION

AB 1775 provides the States Lands Commission with the authority to deny expanded offshore drilling by prohibiting the issuance of new leases or the renewal, extension, or modification of any existing lease that authorizes a lessee to engage in new or additional exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas. By ensuring that new and renewed leases are not granted, California will be able to protect the environment, our coast, and our economy from the risks posed by offshore drilling and production.

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