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S. 1371

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2019

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Oxybenzone and
5 Octinoxate Impact Study Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF OXYBENZONE AND**
2 **OCTINOXATE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND**
3 **PUBLIC HEALTH.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
6 Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in
7 this section as the “Administrator”) shall conduct a
8 study on the impact of oxybenzone and octinoxate
9 on—

10 (A) the environment, including lethal and
11 sublethal impacts on aquatic ecosystems; and

12 (B) public health.

13 (2) INCLUSION.—The study under paragraph
14 (1) shall include analysis, documentation, and deter-
15 minations on the impact of oxybenzone and
16 octinoxate on the protection and propagation of—

17 (A) coral reefs; and

18 (B) marine life.

19 (3) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study
20 under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall consult
21 with—

22 (A) marine biology research centers located
23 in the United States on the shores of large bod-
24 ies of water; and

25 (B) the Director of the Centers for Disease
26 Control and Prevention.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
3 mit to Congress and make publicly available on the website
4 of the Environmental Protection Agency a report that de-
5 scribes the results of the study conducted under subsection
6 (a).

