

# AB 1775

## Offshore Oil Drilling (Muratsuchi- Limón)

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Assemblymember  
Monique Limón  
37TH DISTRICT



### THIS BILL

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AB 1775 prohibits State Lands Commission from approving any new leases, or any lease renewals, extensions, or modifications, in state waters that would result in an increase of oil or natural gas production from federal waters.

This bill also prohibits the Commission from approving any lease renewal, extension, or modification – including for the construction of additional pipelines, piers, and wharves – undertaken to increase capacity for the production of oil and gas from federal waters.

An identical measure, SB 834 by Senator Jackson and Lara, has been introduced concurrently in the Senate.

### BACKGROUND

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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 2018, the Federal 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.

### PURPOSE

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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.

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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