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# H. R. 1056

To require the Comptroller General to conduct a study to assess certain environmental review processes with regard to offshore wind projects, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. OFFSHORE WIND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**  
4 **PROCESS STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No later than 60 days after the  
6 enactment of this bill, the Comptroller General shall con-  
7 duct a study to assess the sufficiency of the environmental  
8 review processes for offshore wind projects in place as of  
9 the date of the enactment of this section of the national

1 Marine Fisheries Service, the Bureau of Ocean Energy  
2 Management, and any other relevant Federal agency.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The study required under sub-  
4 section (a) shall include consideration of—

5 (1) the impacts of offshore wind projects on  
6 whales, finfish, marine mammals, benthic resources,  
7 commercial and recreational fishing, air quality and  
8 greenhouse gas emissions, cultural, historical, and  
9 archaeological resources, invertebrates, and essential  
10 fish habitat, military use and navigation/vessel traf-  
11 fic; recreation and tourism, and sustainability of  
12 shoreline beaches and inlets;

13 (2) how the agencies determines which stake-  
14 holders are consulted and if a timely, comprehensive  
15 comment period is provided for local representatives  
16 and interested parties; and

17 (3) the estimated cost and who pays for the off-  
18 shore wind projects.

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