

Crown Estate Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
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After Clause 2

BARONESS HUMPHREYS

After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Devolution of Crown Estate powers to Wales

- (1) The Crown Estate Act 1961 is amended as follows.
- (2) After Section 7 (Powers of Minister of Works in Regent’s Park) insert—

“7A Commissioners’ functions in Wales

- (1) The Treasury must set out a scheme to transfer all the existing Welsh functions of the Crown Estate Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) to the Welsh Ministers or a person nominated by Welsh Ministers.
- (2) The existing Welsh functions under subsection (1) are the Commissioners’ functions relating to the part of the Crown Estate that, immediately before the transfer date, consists of—
 - (a) property, rights or interests in land in Wales, and
 - (b) rights in relation to the Welsh zone.
- (3) The Secretary of State must by regulations set a date to implement the scheme under subsection (1) to the transfer of functions to the Welsh Ministers or a person nominated by Welsh Ministers.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (3) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Treasury to devolve Welsh functions of the Crown Estate Commissioners to Welsh Ministers or a person nominated by Welsh Ministers.

LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Offshore wind developments: regional wealth funds

- (1) The Commissioners must ensure that a percentage of the Crown Estate’s license fee for leases of Crown Estate land for offshore wind power development is given to a regional wealth fund.
- (2) The Secretary of State must agree regional boundaries of the regional wealth fund in consultation with local government.
- (3) Funds from the Crown Estate’s license fee for such leases must be distributed to the nearest regional wealth fund to the offshore wind power development.
- (4) The Secretary of State must by regulations set the percentage of the license fee which must be given to a regional wealth fund under subsection (1).
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (4) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Crown Estate to ensure all leases for offshore wind power developments contain an agreed percentage that is contributed to a regional wealth fund. The money from this fund would be distributed to local communities.

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