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[Report No. 113-]

To reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2014

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. MURPHY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER --, 2014

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 30, 2014]

A BILL

To reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes.

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. COMPETITIVE AWARDS.**

4 *Section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control*
5 *Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)) is amended by adding at the end*
6 *the following:*

7 “(4) *COMPETITIVE AWARDS.*—

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Of the amount made*
9 *available under subsection (i)(2)(B), the Admin-*
10 *istrator shall make competitive awards under*
11 *this paragraph.*

12 “(B) *APPLICATION FOR AWARDS.*—*The Ad-*
13 *ministrator shall solicit applications for awards*
14 *under this paragraph from State, interstate, and*
15 *regional water pollution control agencies and en-*
16 *tities, State coastal zone management agencies,*
17 *interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit pri-*
18 *rate agencies, institutions, organizations, and*
19 *individuals.*

20 “(C) *SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.*—*In select-*
21 *ing award recipients under this paragraph, the*
22 *Administrator shall select recipients that are best*
23 *able to address urgent and challenging issues*
24 *that threaten the ecological and economic well-*

1 *being of coastal areas. Such issues shall in-*
2 *clude—*

3 “(i) *extensive seagrass habitat losses re-*
4 *sulting in significant impacts on fisheries*
5 *and water quality;*

6 “(ii) *recurring harmful algae blooms,*
7 *unusual marine mammal mortalities;*

8 “(iii) *invasive exotic species which can*
9 *threaten wastewater systems and cause*
10 *other damage;*

11 “(iv) *jellyfish proliferation limiting*
12 *community access to water during peak*
13 *tourism seasons;*

14 “(v) *flooding which may be related to*
15 *sea level rise or wetland degradation or loss;*
16 *or*

17 “(vi) *low dissolved oxygen conditions*
18 *in estuarine waters and related nutrient*
19 *management.”.*

20 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 *Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act*
22 *(33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended by striking subsection (i) and*
23 *inserting the following:*

24 “(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—**

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be ap-*
2 *propriated to the Administrator \$27,000,000, for each*
3 *of fiscal years 2014 through 2018 for—*

4 “(A) *expenses relating to the administration*
5 *of grants or awards by the Administrator under*
6 *this section, including the award and oversight*
7 *of grants and awards, except that such expenses*
8 *shall not exceed 5 percent of the amount appro-*
9 *priated under this subsection; and*

10 “(B) *making grants and awards under sub-*
11 *section (g).*

12 “(2) *ALLOCATIONS.*—

13 “(A) *CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT*
14 *PLAN.*—*The Administrator shall provide not less*
15 *than 80 percent of the amounts made available*
16 *for this section for each fiscal year referred to in*
17 *paragraph (1) for the development, implementa-*
18 *tion, and monitoring of each conservation and*
19 *management plan eligible for grant assistance*
20 *under subsection (g)(2).*

21 “(B) *COMPETITIVE AWARDS.*—*The Adminis-*
22 *trator shall provide not less than 15 percent of*
23 *the amounts made available for this section in*
24 *each fiscal year to make competitive awards de-*
25 *scribed in subsection (g)(4).”.*