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# H. R. 221

To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and  
for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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of 1998, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Hydrographic Services  
5       Improvement Amendments Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES**

7                               **IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998.**

8       (a) REAUTHORIZATIONS.—Section 306 of the Hydro-  
9       graphic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C.  
10       892d) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting before the text the following:

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—”;

3 (2) in subsection (a) (as designated by the  
4 amendment made by paragraph (1))—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sur-  
6 veys—” and all that follows through the end of  
7 the paragraph and inserting “surveys,  
8 \$70,814,000 for each of fiscal years 2018  
9 through 2022.”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “ves-  
11 sels—” and all that follows through the end of  
12 the paragraph and inserting “vessels,  
13 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018  
14 through 2022.”;

15 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Admin-  
16 istration—” and all that follows through the  
17 end of the paragraph and inserting “Adminis-  
18 tration, \$29,932,000 for each of fiscal years  
19 2018 through 2022.”;

20 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking  
21 “title—” and all that follows through the end  
22 of the paragraph and inserting “title,  
23 \$26,800,000 for each of fiscal years 2018  
24 through 2022.”; and

1           (E) in paragraph (5), by striking  
2           “title—” and all that follows through the end  
3           of the paragraph and inserting “title,  
4           \$30,564,000 for each of fiscal years 2018  
5           through 2022.”; and

6           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7           section:

8           “(b) ARCTIC PROGRAMS.—Of the amount authorized  
9           by this section for each fiscal year—

10           “(1) \$5,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-  
11           quire hydrographic data, provide hydrographic serv-  
12           ices, conduct coastal change analyses necessary to  
13           ensure safe navigation, and improve the manage-  
14           ment of coastal change in the Arctic; and

15           “(2) \$2,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-  
16           quire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic  
17           services in the Arctic necessary to delineate the  
18           United States extended Continental Shelf.”.

19           (b) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR  
20           SURVEYS.—Section 306 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 892d) is  
21           further amended by adding at the end the following:

22           “(c) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
23           FOR SURVEYS.—Of amounts authorized by this section for  
24           each fiscal year for hydrographic surveys, not more than  
25           5 percent is authorized for administrative costs.”.

1 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

2       The Comptroller General of the United States shall,  
3 by not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act—

5           (1) conduct a study comparing the unit costs of  
6 hydrographic surveys conducted by the National  
7 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the  
8 unit costs of procuring performance of such surveys;  
9 and

10          (2) report to the Congress on the findings of  
11 such study.

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