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# H. R. 2743

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 of 2015”.

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 2015  
9 through 2019.”;

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 2015  
14 through 2019.”;

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 2015 through 2019.”;

20 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “title—  
21 ” and all that follows through the end of the  
22 paragraph and inserting “title, \$26,800,000 for  
23 each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”; and

24 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “title—  
25 ” and all that follows through the end of the

1 paragraph and inserting “title, \$30,564,000 for  
2 each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”; and

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

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

7 “(1) \$5,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-  
8 quire hydrographic data, provide hydrographic serv-  
9 ices, conduct coastal change analyses necessary to  
10 ensure safe navigation, and improve the manage-  
11 ment of coastal change in the Arctic; and

12 “(2) \$2,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-  
13 quire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic  
14 services in the Arctic necessary to delineate the  
15 United States extended Continental Shelf.”.

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

19 “(c) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
20 FOR SURVEYS.—Of amounts authorized by this section for  
21 each fiscal year for hydrographic surveys, not more than  
22 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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