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H. R. 5266

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

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. COMPETITIVE AWARDS.**

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

7 “(4) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount made
9 available under subsection (i)(2)(B), the Ad-

1 administrator shall make competitive awards
2 under this paragraph.

3 “(B) APPLICATION FOR AWARDS.—The
4 Administrator shall solicit applications for
5 awards under this paragraph from State, inter-
6 state, and regional water pollution control agen-
7 cies and entities, State coastal zone manage-
8 ment agencies, interstate agencies, other public
9 or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, orga-
10 nizations, and individuals.

11 “(C) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—In se-
12 lecting award recipients under this paragraph,
13 the Administrator shall select recipients that
14 are best able to address urgent and challenging
15 issues that threaten the ecological and economic
16 well-being of coastal areas. Such issues shall in-
17 clude—

18 “(i) extensive seagrass habitat losses
19 resulting in significant impacts on fisheries
20 and water quality;

21 “(ii) recurring harmful algae blooms,
22 unusual marine mammal mortalities;

23 “(iii) invasive exotic species which can
24 threaten wastewater systems and cause
25 other damage;

1 “(iv) jellyfish proliferation limiting
2 community access to water during peak
3 tourism seasons;

4 “(v) flooding which may be related to
5 sea level rise or wetland degradation or
6 loss; or

7 “(vi) low dissolved oxygen conditions
8 in estuarine waters and related nutrient
9 management.

10 “(D) PRIORITY.—The Administrator shall
11 give priority for the competitive awards de-
12 scribed in subparagraph (A) to national estuary
13 programs that are not part of the Geographic
14 Programs as described in the explanatory state-
15 ment referred to in section 4 of the Consoli-
16 dated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law
17 113–76; 128 Stat. 7 and printed on page H978
18 of the Congressional Record on January 15,
19 2014).”.

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

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

24 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

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

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

10 “(B) making grants and awards under
11 subsection (g).

12 “(2) ALLOCATIONS.—

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

21 “(B) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—The Admin-
22 istrator shall provide not less than 15 percent
23 of the amounts made available for this section

1 in each fiscal year to make competitive awards
2 described in subsection (g)(3).”

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