

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8644

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 to expand eligibility for underserved community harbor projects, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2024

Mr. STEIL (for himself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR UNDERSERVED**  
4 **COMMUNITY HARBORS.**

5 Section 8132 of the Water Resources Development  
6 Act of 2022 (33 U.S.C. 2238e) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (g)—

8 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
9 follows:

1           “(1) PROJECT.—The term ‘project’ means—

2                   “(A) a single cycle of maintenance dredg-  
3           ing of an underserved community harbor, and  
4           any associated—

5                           “(i) placement of dredged material at  
6                   a beneficial use placement site or disposal  
7                   site; or

8                           “(ii) expansion of a confined disposal  
9                   facility; or

10                   “(B) maintenance of a breakwater associ-  
11           ated with an underserved community harbor.”;  
12           and

13                   (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, re-  
14           gardless of whether the harbor is federally au-  
15           thorized,” before “for which”; and

16           (2) by amending subsection (h)(2) to read as  
17           follows:

18                   “(2) SPECIAL RULE.—Not less than 25 percent  
19           of the amounts made available to carry out this sec-  
20           tion for each fiscal year shall be used for projects for  
21           underserved community harbors located in the Great  
22           Lakes Navigation System (as defined in section  
23           210(f) of the Water Resources Development Act of  
24           1986 (33 U.S.C. 2238(f))).”.