

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

April 26, 2016.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1523) entitled “An Act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. COMPETITIVE AWARDS.***

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

5 *“(4) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—*

6 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Using the amounts*
7 *made available under subsection (i)(2)(B), the*
8 *Administrator shall make competitive awards*
9 *under this paragraph.*

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

1 *vate agencies, institutions, organizations, and*
 2 *individuals.*

3 “(C) *SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—In select-*
 4 *ing award recipients under this paragraph, the*
 5 *Administrator shall select recipients that are best*
 6 *able to address urgent and challenging issues*
 7 *that threaten the ecological and economic well-*
 8 *being of coastal areas. Such issues shall in-*
 9 *clude—*

10 “(i) *extensive seagrass habitat losses re-*
 11 *sulting in significant impacts on fisheries*
 12 *and water quality;*

13 “(ii) *recurring harmful algae blooms;*

14 “(iii) *unusual marine mammal mor-*
 15 *talities;*

16 “(iv) *invasive exotic species that may*
 17 *threaten wastewater systems and cause*
 18 *other damage;*

19 “(v) *jellyfish proliferation limiting*
 20 *community access to water during peak*
 21 *tourism seasons;*

22 “(vi) *flooding that may be related to*
 23 *sea level rise or wetland degradation or loss;*
 24 *and*

1 “(vii) low dissolved oxygen conditions
 2 in estuarine waters and related nutrient
 3 management.”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 *Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act*
 6 *(33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended by striking subsection (i) and*
 7 *inserting the following:*

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

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be ap-*
 10 *propriated to the Administrator \$26,500,000 for each*
 11 *of fiscal years 2017 through 2021 for—*

12 “(A) *expenses relating to the administration*
 13 *of grants or awards by the Administrator under*
 14 *this section, including the award and oversight*
 15 *of grants and awards, except that such expenses*
 16 *may not exceed 5 percent of the amount appro-*
 17 *priated under this subsection for a fiscal year;*
 18 *and*

19 “(B) *making grants and awards under sub-*
 20 *section (g).*

21 “(2) *ALLOCATIONS.—*

22 “(A) *CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT*
 23 *PLANS.—Not less than 80 percent of the amount*
 24 *made available under this subsection for a fiscal*
 25 *year shall be used by the Administrator to pro-*

1 *vide grant assistance for the development, imple-*
2 *mentation, and monitoring of each of the con-*
3 *servation and management plans eligible for*
4 *grant assistance under subsection (g)(2).*

5 “(B) *COMPETITIVE AWARDS.*—*Not less than*
6 *15 percent of the amount made available under*
7 *this subsection for a fiscal year shall be used by*
8 *the Administrator for making competitive*
9 *awards described in subsection (g)(4).”.*

Attest:

Clerk.

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