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H. R. 7448

To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to implement a restructuring plan in San Pedro Bay, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Mrs. STEEL 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. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONI-**
4 **TORING.**

5 (a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—

6 (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING
7 PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-
8 actment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast
9 Guard shall implement the November 2021 proposed
10 plan of the Vessel Traffic Service Los Angeles-Long

1 Beach for restructuring the Federal anchorages in
2 San Pedro Bay described on page 54 of the Report
3 of the National Transportation Safety Board titled
4 “Anchor Strike of Underwater Pipeline and Even-
5 tual Crude Oil Release” and issued January 2,
6 2024.

7 (2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Department
8 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct
9 a study to identify any anchorage grounds other
10 than the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in
11 which the distance between the center of an ap-
12 proved anchorage ground and a pipeline is less than
13 1 mile.

14 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
15 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of
16 the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on
17 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
18 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
20 on the results of the study required under paragraph
21 (2). Such a report shall include—

22 (A) a list of the anchorage grounds de-
23 scribed under paragraph (2);

1 (B) whether it is possible to move each
2 such anchorage ground to provide a minimum
3 distance of 1 mile; and

4 (C) a recommendation of whether to move
5 any such anchorage ground and explanation for
6 the recommendation.

7 (b) PROXIMITY TO PIPELINE ALERTS.—

8 (1) AUDIBLE AND VISUAL ALARMS.—The Com-
9 mandant of the Coast Guard shall consult with the
10 providers of vessel monitoring systems to add to the
11 monitoring systems for vessel traffic services audible
12 and visual alarms that alert the watchstander when
13 an anchored vessel is encroaching on a pipeline.

14 (2) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—Not later
15 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
16 the Commandant shall develop procedures for all
17 vessel traffic services to notify pipeline and utility
18 operators following potential incursions on sub-
19 merged pipelines within the vessel traffic service
20 area of responsibility.

21 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, and annually there-
23 after, the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
24 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
25 House of Representatives and the Committee on

- 1 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
- 2 ate a report on the implementation of paragraphs
- 3 (1) and (2).

