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H. R. 9647

To prohibit the National Science Foundation from obligating or expending Federal funds to descope or decommission the Ocean Observatories Initiative instruments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2026

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ROSS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AMO, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON NSF FUNDING TO DESCOPE**
2 **OR DECOMMISSION THE OCEAN OBSERV-**
3 **ATORIES INITIATIVE INSTRUMENTS; MAINTENANCE OF OPERATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the National Science Foundation may not obli-
7 gate or expend any Federal funds to decommission or
8 descope the Ocean Observatories Initiative instruments
9 anchored off the States of Oregon, Washington, Alaska,
10 and North Carolina, and in the Irminger Sea, until the
11 National Science Foundation conducts a thorough review
12 of the Initiative, and the national assets that it provides,
13 with robust stakeholder engagement from the scientific
14 and coastal communities.

15 (b) MAINTENANCE OF OPERATIONS.—The Director
16 of the National Science Foundation shall maintain the
17 Ocean Observatories Initiative with full and consistent op-
18 erations, including monitoring in all States that had in-
19 struments decommissioned, until the full review described
20 in subsection (a) has been completed.

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