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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2126****[Report No. 119–120]**

To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act
of 2009, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2025

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

MAY 11, 2026

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, with an amendment

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A BILL

To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation
System Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Integrated Ocean Ob-
5 servation System Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

2 Section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
3 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
6 subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by striking “Council” and inserting
8 “Committee”;

9 (B) by striking “and ocean observation”
10 and inserting “, ocean, and meteorological ob-
11 servations”; and

12 (C) by striking “and coastal information”
13 and inserting “, coastal, and meteorological in-
14 formation”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “data
16 management systems and cyber infrastructure,”
17 after “data gaps.”

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 Section 12303 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
20 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3602) is
21 amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
24 “Council” and inserting “Committee”; and

25 (B) by striking “term” and all that follows
26 through “established” and inserting “term

1 ‘Committee’ means the Ocean Policy Committee
2 established”;

3 ~~(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “Council” and~~
4 inserting “Committee”;

5 ~~(3) in paragraph (6), by inserting “conduct~~
6 operational oceanography measurements and” after
7 “systems in order to”;

8 ~~(4) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as~~
9 paragraphs ~~(9) and (10)~~, respectively;

10 ~~(5) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-~~
11 lowing:

12 ~~“(8) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-~~
13 ing given that term in section 3501 of title 40,

14 United States Code.”; and

15 ~~(6) in paragraph (10), as redesignated by para-~~
16 graph ~~(4)~~, by striking “Council” and inserting
17 “Committee”.

18 **SEC. 4. INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING**
19 **SYSTEM.**

20 Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
21 Observation System Act of 2009 (~~33 U.S.C. 3603~~) is
22 amended—

23 ~~(1) in subsection (b)(1)—~~

24 ~~(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “na-~~
25 tional” and inserting “regional, national”;

1 ~~(B)~~ in subparagraph ~~(C)~~, by inserting
2 “and ocean” after “weather”; and

3 ~~(C)~~ in subparagraph ~~(E)~~—

4 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “and
5 ocean” after “weather” each place it ap-
6 pears; and

7 (ii) in clause (v), by inserting “and
8 ocean” after “weather”;

9 ~~(2)~~ in subsection ~~(c)~~—

10 ~~(A)~~ in paragraph ~~(1)~~—

11 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
12 ing “COUNCIL” and inserting “COM-
13 MITTEE”; and

14 (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-
15 graph ~~(A)~~, by striking “Council” each
16 place it appears and inserting “Com-
17 mittee”;

18 ~~(B)~~ in paragraph ~~(2)~~—

19 (i) in subparagraph ~~(A)~~, by striking
20 “~~The Council~~” and inserting “~~The Com-~~
21 ~~mittee~~”; and

22 (ii) in subparagraph ~~(B)~~—

23 (I) by redesignating clauses (vi)
24 through (x) as clauses (vii) through
25 (xi), respectively; and

1 (H) by inserting after clause (v)
2 the following:

3 “(vi) develop requirements and proe-
4 cesses for regional associations and feder-
5 ally funded projects of the agencies partici-
6 pating in the Interagency Ocean Observa-
7 tion Committee to collaborate with the re-
8 gional coastal observing systems for data
9 sharing at regional levels;” and

10 (C) in paragraph (3)(C)—

11 (i) in clause (iii)(I), by inserting “as
12 operational entities” after “associations”;

13 (ii) in clause (x), by inserting “, cyber
14 infrastructure,” after “data management”;
15 and

16 (iii) in clause (xiii)—

17 (I) by inserting “and ocean”
18 after “weather”; and

19 (II) by striking “and harmful
20 algal bloom forecasting” and inserting
21 “harmful algal bloom forecasting, and
22 resource and coastal management”;

23 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by adding a period at
24 the end; and

1 (4) by striking “the Council” each place it ap-
 2 pears and inserting “the Committee”.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

4 Section ~~12307~~ of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
 5 Observation System Act of 2009 (~~33~~ U.S.C. 3606) is
 6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and
 9 (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively;
 10 and

11 (B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
 12 following:

13 “(8) a post-storm evaluation for all major
 14 storms in the United States that occurred during
 15 the year preceding submission of the report, to as-
 16 sess the impact of observations of the System and
 17 other products of the System with respect to storm
 18 forecast accuracy;” and

19 (2) by striking “the Council” each place it ap-
 20 pears and inserting “the Committee”.

21 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 Section ~~12311~~ of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
 23 Observation System Act of 2009 (~~33~~ U.S.C. 3610) is
 24 amended—

1 (1) by striking “There are” and inserting the
2 following:

3 “~~(a) IN GENERAL.—~~There are”;

4 (2) by striking “this subtitle” and all that fol-
5 lows and inserting “\$56,000,000 for each of fiscal
6 years 2026 through 2030.”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “~~(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—~~

9 “~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~Except as provided by
10 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall allocate not less
11 than 7.5 percent of amounts appropriated pursuant
12 to the authorization of appropriations under sub-
13 section (a) to each regional coastal observing system
14 that was in existence on January 1, 2025.

15 “~~(2) EXCLUSION OF DISASTER RELIEF APPRO-~~
16 ~~PRIATIONS.—~~Paragraph (1) does not apply with re-
17 spect to any amounts appropriated by an Act mak-
18 ing supplemental appropriations for disaster relief.”.

19 **SEC. 7. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) INTERAGENCY FINANCING AND AGREEMENTS.—
21 Section 12305(b) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-
22 servation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3604(b)) is
23 amended by striking “the Council” and inserting “the
24 Committee”.

1 (b) ~~PUBLIC-PRIVATE USE POLICY.~~—Section 12308
 2 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System
 3 Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3607) is amended by striking “the
 4 Council” each place it appears and inserting “the Com-
 5 mittee”.

6 (c) ~~INTENT OF CONGRESS.~~—Section 12310 of the In-
 7 tegrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of
 8 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3609) is amended by striking “the Coun-
 9 cil” each place it appears and inserting “the Committee”.

10 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

11 *This Act may be cited as the “Integrated Ocean Obser-*
 12 *vation System Reauthorization Act of 2025”.*

13 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

14 *Section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-*
 15 *servaion System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601) is amend-*
 16 *ed—*

17 (1) *in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding*
 18 *subparagraph (A)—*

19 (A) *by striking “Council” and inserting*
 20 *“Ocean Policy Committee”;*

21 (B) *by striking “and ocean observa-*
 22 *tion” and inserting “, ocean, and meteorological obser-*
 23 *vaions”;* and

- 1 (C) by striking “and coastal information”
 2 and inserting “, coastal, and meteorological in-
 3 formation”; and
 4 (2) in paragraph (4)(A)—
 5 (A) by inserting “data management systems
 6 and cyber infrastructure,” after “data gaps,”;
 7 and
 8 (B) by striking “global climate change.”.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 Section 12303 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-
 11 servaion System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3602) is amend-
 12 ed—

- 13 (1) by striking paragraph (2);
 14 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5)
 15 as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respectively;
 16 (3) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated, by
 17 striking “Council” and inserting “Ocean Policy Com-
 18 mittee”;
 19 (4) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesign-
 20 ated by paragraph (2), the following:
 21 “(5) OCEAN POLICY COMMITTEE.—The term
 22 ‘Ocean Policy Committee’ means the Ocean Policy
 23 Committee established by section 8932 of title 10,
 24 United States Code.”;

(5) in paragraph (6), by inserting “conduct operational oceanography measurements and” after “systems in order to”;

(6) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) *STATE*.—The term ‘State’ has the meaning given that term in section 3501 of title 40, United States Code.”; and

(8) in paragraph (10), as redesignated by paragraph (6), by striking “Council” and inserting “Ocean Policy Committee”.

SEC. 4. INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM.

Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3603) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “national” and inserting “regional, national,”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “and ocean” after “weather”; and

(C) in subparagraph (E)—

1 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “and
2 ocean” after “weather” each place it ap-
3 pears; and

4 (ii) in clause (v), by inserting “and
5 ocean” after “weather”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
9 ing “COUNCIL” and inserting “OCEAN POL-
10 ICY COMMITTEE”; and

11 (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-
12 graph (A), by striking “Council” each place
13 it appears and inserting “Ocean Policy
14 Committee”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
17 “The Council” and inserting “The Ocean
18 Policy Committee”; and

19 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (I) by redesignating clauses (vi)
21 through (x) as clauses (vii) through
22 (xi), respectively; and

23 (II) by inserting after clause (v)
24 the following:

1 “(vi) develop requirements and proc-
 2 esses for regional associations and federally
 3 funded projects of the agencies participating
 4 in the Interagency Ocean Observation Com-
 5 mittee to collaborate with the regional coast-
 6 al observing systems for data sharing at re-
 7 gional levels;”; and

8 (C) in paragraph (3)(C)—

9 (i) in clause (iii)(I), by inserting “as
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 16 “weather”; and

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 18 algal bloom forecasting” and inserting
 19 “harmful algal bloom forecasting, and
 20 resource and coastal management”;

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 22 the end; and

23 (4) by striking “the Council” each place it ap-
 24 pears and inserting “the Ocean Policy Committee”.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

2 *Section 12307 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-*
 3 *servation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3606) is amend-*
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5 *(1) in subsection (b)—*

6 *(A) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and*
 7 *(9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively; and*

8 *(B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-*
 9 *lowing:*

10 *“(8) a post-storm evaluation for all major storms*
 11 *in the United States that occurred during the year*
 12 *preceding the submission of the report, to assess the*
 13 *impact of observations of the System and other prod-*
 14 *ucts of the System with respect to storm forecast accu-*
 15 *racy;”;* and

16 *(2) by striking “the Council” each place it ap-*
 17 *pears and inserting “the Ocean Policy Committee”.*

18 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 *Section 12311 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-*
 20 *servation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3610) is amend-*
 21 *ed—*

22 *(1) by striking “There are” and inserting the fol-*
 23 *lowing:*

24 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”;*

25 *(2) by striking “—” and all that follows through*
 26 *“(5)”;*

1 (3) *by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting*
 2 *“each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”; and*

3 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

4 “(b) *ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—*

5 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-*
 6 *graph (2), the Secretary shall allocate not less than*
 7 *7.5 percent of amounts appropriated pursuant to the*
 8 *authorization of appropriations under subsection (a)*
 9 *to each regional coastal observing system that was in*
 10 *existence on January 1, 2025.*

11 *“(2) EXCLUSION OF DISASTER RELIEF APPRO-*
 12 *PRIATIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not apply with re-*
 13 *spect to any amounts appropriated by an Act making*
 14 *supplemental appropriations for disaster relief.”.*

15 **SEC. 7. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

16 (a) *INTERAGENCY FINANCING AND AGREEMENTS.—*
 17 *Section 12305(b) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-*
 18 *servaion System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3604(b)) is amend-*
 19 *ed by striking “the Council” and inserting “the Ocean Pol-*
 20 *icy Committee”.*

21 (b) *PUBLIC-PRIVATE USE POLICY.—Section 12308 of*
 22 *the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act*
 23 *of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3607) is amended by striking “Council”*
 24 *each place it appears and inserting “Ocean Policy Com-*
 25 *mittee”.*

1 (c) *INTENT OF CONGRESS.*—*Section 12310 of the Inte-*
2 *grated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009*
3 *(33 U.S.C. 3609) is amended by striking “the Council” each*
4 *place it appears and inserting “the Ocean Policy Com-*
5 *mittee”.*

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