

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3717

To amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish a demonstration program with respect to the golden mussel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2025

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. GRAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish a demonstration program with respect to the golden mussel.

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 “Golden Mussel Eradi-
5 cation and Control Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GOLDEN MUSSEL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

2 Section 1202 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
3 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4722) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as
6 subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(j) GOLDEN MUSSEL DEMONSTRATION PRO-
10 GRAM.—

11 “(1) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force, in
13 partnership with State and local entities, port
14 authorities, industry partners, institutions of
15 higher education, and local nonprofit organiza-
16 tions, shall develop a demonstration program of
17 prevention, monitoring, control, eradication,
18 education, and research with respect to the
19 golden mussel, including—

20 “(i) research and development regard-
21 ing—

22 “(I) the biology;

23 “(II) the environmental toler-
24 ances;

25 “(III) the effect on—

26 “(aa) fisheries;

1 “(bb) water quality; and
2 “(cc) other ecosystem com-
3 ponents; and
4 “(IV) the efficacy of control
5 mechanisms and technologies;
6 “(ii) tracking dispersal and establish-
7 ment of an early warning system to alert
8 likely areas of future infestations;
9 “(iii) development of control and
10 eradication methods and plans, including—
11 “(I) in and around—
12 “(aa) derelict vessels;
13 “(bb) public infrastructure;
14 “(cc) fish screens; and
15 “(dd) waterways; and
16 “(II) hull inspections; and
17 “(iv) provision of technical assistance
18 to regional, State and local entities to
19 carry out this subsection, as applicable.
20 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION AREA.—The dem-
21 onstration program shall be implemented in the
22 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and any other
23 waters of the United States the Task Force de-
24 termines are infested, or likely to become in-
25 fested, by the golden mussel.

1 “(C) AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN INFORMA-
2 TION.—The Task Force shall collect and make
3 available to State and local entities and port
4 authorities, through direct reports, publications,
5 and other means necessary, information relating
6 to control and eradication methods and plans
7 developed under the demonstration program.

8 “(D) CONTROL AND ERADICATION GUIDE-
9 LINES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
10 the enactment of this subsection, the Task
11 Force shall develop guidelines to control the
12 spread of and eradicate the golden mussel, in-
13 cluding through the establishment of watercraft
14 inspection stations.

15 “(2) RESPONSE AND CONTAINMENT RESEARCH
16 GRANT PROGRAM.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall
18 establish a grant program to award amounts,
19 on a competitive basis, to State and local enti-
20 ties, institutions of higher education, nonprofit
21 organizations, and industry partners to carry
22 out projects that—

23 “(i) identify effective technologies and
24 mechanisms to control and remove golden
25 mussels from—

1 “(I) water intakes;
2 “(II) conveyance infrastructure;
3 “(III) fish screens;
4 “(IV) derelict vessels;
5 “(V) boat hulls;
6 “(VI) waterways; or
7 “(VII) other areas where the
8 golden mussel may be found; or

9 “(ii) provide an understanding of the
10 biology of the golden mussel and effective
11 containment science with respect to the
12 golden mussel.

13 “(B) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.—In car-
14 rying out the grant program, the Task Force
15 may enter into an agreement with a State or
16 local entity, port authority, industry partner, or
17 any other appropriate entity for the use or sale
18 of any new technology developed under the
19 grant program to expedite the control and
20 eradication of golden mussels.

21 “(3) COORDINATION.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The demonstration
23 program shall provide guidance to other Fed-
24 eral agencies, States, port authorities for all
25 United States ports of entry, local government

1 agencies, and regional and other entities with
2 the necessary expertise to participate in control
3 and eradication methods and plans developed
4 pursuant to the demonstration program.

5 “(B) DELEGATION.—The Task Force may
6 delegate responsibility for implementing all or a
7 portion of a control or eradication method or
8 plan developed pursuant to the demonstration
9 program to an entity described in subparagraph
10 (A) if the Task Force determines—

11 “(i) such entity has sufficient author-
12 ity or jurisdiction and expertise; and

13 “(ii) it will be more efficient or effec-
14 tive to delegate such responsibility than to
15 retain such responsibility.

16 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
17 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Task
18 Force to carry out this section \$15,000,000 for each
19 of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

20 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

21 “(A) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—The
22 term ‘demonstration program’ means the dem-
23 onstration program developed under paragraph
24 (1)(A).

1 “(B) GRANT PROGRAM.—The term ‘grant
2 program’ means the grant program established
3 under paragraph (2)(A).

4 “(C) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
5 CATION.—The term ‘institution of higher edu-
6 cation’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
7 tion 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).”.

○