

Union Calendar No. 348

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3962

[Report No. 119–400]

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2025

Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. LALOTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 12, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LATIMER, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. EZELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. MENENDEZ

DECEMBER 12, 2025

Reported with an amendment; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 12, 2025]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Science,*
5 *Treatment, and Upkeep of America’s Resilient and Impor-*
6 *tant Estuarine Systems Act” or the “ESTUARIES Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.**

8 *Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act*
9 *(33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking “and*
11 *Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Florida” and inserting*
12 *“Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Florida; and Mis-*
13 *issippi Sound, Mississippi”; and*

14 *(2) in subsection (i)(1), in the matter preceding*
15 *subparagraph (A), by striking “2026” and inserting*
16 *“2031”.*

17 **SEC. 3. INELIGIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO FISCAL YEARS**
18 **2025 AND 2026.**

19 *With respect to the amendment made by section 2(1),*
20 *the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency*
21 *may not use for the implementation of that amendment,*
22 *including, with respect to Mississippi Sound, Mississippi,*
23 *convening a management conference, developing or carrying*
24 *out a comprehensive conservation and management plan,*

1 *or providing grants under section 320 of the Federal Water*
2 *Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330)—*

3 *(1) any amounts appropriated to carry out the*
4 *national estuary program under that section for fiscal*
5 *year 2025; or*

6 *(2) unless the total amount appropriated to*
7 *carry out that program for fiscal year 2026 is at least*
8 *\$850,000 more than the total amount appropriated to*
9 *carry out that program for fiscal year 2024, any*
10 *amounts appropriated to carry out that program for*
11 *fiscal year 2026.*

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