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[Report No. 119-115]

To reauthorize the Young Fishermen’s Development Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 2025

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

MARCH 11, 2026

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, with an amendment

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Young Fishermen’s
5 Development Extension Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE YOUNG FISHERMEN'S**
 2 **DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

3 Section 5(a) of the Young Fishermen's Development
 4 Act (33 U.S.C. 1144(a)) is amended by striking "~~2026~~"
 5 and inserting "~~2031~~".

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This Act may be cited as the "Young Fishermen's De-*
 8 *velopment Program Reauthorization Act".*

9 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE YOUNG FISHERMEN'S**
 10 **DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

11 *The Young Fishermen's Development Act (33 U.S.C.*
 12 *1141 et seq.) is amended—*

13 *(1) in section 4—*

14 *(A) in subsection (a)—*

15 *(i) in paragraph (5), by inserting "*
 16 *including crew management and disaster*
 17 *preparedness" before the semicolon;*

18 *(ii) in paragraph (6), by inserting*
 19 *"seafood handling," after "chain,";*

20 *(iii) by striking paragraph (11);*

21 *(iv) in paragraph (10)—*

22 *(I) by inserting "technical assist-*
 23 *ance," before "mentoring"; and*

24 *(II) by striking "and" after the*
 25 *semicolon; and*

1 (v) by inserting after paragraph (10)
2 the following:

3 “(11) fishing portfolio diversification and expansion;
4 and

5 “(12) management of working waterfronts and
6 related shoreside infrastructure.”;

7 (B) in subsection (c)(2), by inserting “but
8 non-concurrent” after “consecutive”; and

9 (C) in subsection (f)—

10 (i) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
11 through (5) as subparagraphs (A) through
12 (E), respectively, and moving the margins
13 of such subparagraphs 2 ems to the right;

14 (ii) by striking “In carrying out” and
15 inserting the following:

16 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—In carrying out*”; and

17 (iii) by adding at the end the following:
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19 “(2) *TRACKING, IDENTIFYING, AND EVALUATING*
20 *PROGRESS.—The Secretary of Commerce, acting*
21 *through the National Sea Grant Office, shall, to the*
22 *extent practicable, track the career progression of participants*
23 *in the Program, identify those who subsequently enter or remain in commercial fisheries of the*
24 *United States and the Great Lakes or related indus-*
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1 *tries, and use these outcomes as a key factor in evalu-*
2 *ating the effectiveness of, and future eligibility for,*
3 *grant applications.”; and*

4 *(2) in section 5(a), by striking “2022 through*
5 *2026” and inserting “2026 through 2031”.*

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