

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 Section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
8 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601) is
9 amended—

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

3 (A) by striking “Council” and inserting
4 “Committee”;

5 (B) by striking “and ocean observation”
6 and inserting “, ocean, and meteorological ob-
7 servations”; and

8 (C) by striking “and coastal information”
9 and inserting “, coastal, and meteorological in-
10 formation”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “data
12 management systems and cyber infrastructure,”
13 after “data gaps,”.

14 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

15 Section 12303 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
16 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3602) is
17 amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (2)—

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

21 (B) by striking “term” and all that follows
22 through “established” and inserting “term
23 ‘Committee’ means the Ocean Policy Committee
24 established”;

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

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

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

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

10 “(8) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-
11 ing given that term in section 3501 of title 40,
12 United States Code.”; and

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

16 **SEC. 4. INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING**
17 **SYSTEM.**

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

21 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “na-
23 tional” and inserting “regional, national,”;

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

1 (C) in subparagraph (E)—

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

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

7 (2) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

16 (B) in paragraph (2)—

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

20 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

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

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

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

8 (C) in paragraph (3)(C)—

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

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

14 (iii) in clause (xiii)—

15 (I) by inserting “and ocean”
16 after “weather”; and

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

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

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

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

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

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
10 following:

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

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

19 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

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

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

5 “(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

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

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

16 **SEC. 7. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

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

22 (b) PUBLIC-PRIVATE USE POLICY.—Section 12308
23 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System
24 Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3607) is amended by striking “the

1 Council” each place it appears and inserting “the Com-
2 mittee”.

3 (c) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—Section 12310 of the In-
4 tegrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of
5 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3609) is amended by striking “the Coun-
6 cil” each place it appears and inserting “the Committee”.