

HR 5622

Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act of 2006

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 19, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4788	Related bill	Feb 27, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from Commerce.
109 S 1390	Related bill	Dec 15, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act of 2006 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 to extend the award of remaining coral reef conservation program grant funds, in addition to projects addressing emerging priorities or threats, to other appropriate projects, as determined by the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), including monitoring and assessment, research, pollution reduction, education, and technical support.

Establishes as additional coral reef conservation project approval criteria: (1) the minimization of the likelihood of damage to coral reefs; and (2) promoting and assisting entities to work with local communities, and appropriate governmental and nongovernmental organizations, to support community-based planning and management initiatives for the protection of coral reef systems.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes the Administrator and the Secretary of the Interior to undertake or authorize emergency response actions to prevent or minimize the destruction or loss of, or injury to, coral reefs or coral ecosystems from vessel impacts or other physical damage to coral reefs, including damage from unforeseen or disaster-related circumstances. Allows actions to include vessel removal and emergency restabilization of the vessel and any impacted coral reef.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Administrator to report every three years to specified congressional committees on: (1) all activities undertaken to implement the national coral reef action strategy; and (2) the condition of United States coral reefs.

(Sec. 5) Allows coral reef conservation fund amounts to be used for emergency response actions. Authorizes the Administrator to make community-based planning grants to certain persons to work with local communities and appropriate federal and state entities to implement plans for increased protection of high priority coral reefs.

Establishes the United States Coral Reef Task Force to coordinate federal actions to better preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems.

(Sec. 6) Reauthorizes the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and authorizes appropriations through FY2010 for: (1) the coral reef conservation program; and (2) community-based planning grants.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes appropriations to: (1) the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College program to administer a marine science laboratory for coral reef research and protection, and coastal ecology and development, at the American Samoa Community College; and (2) the University of Guam for coral reef research and protection and the University of Guam Marine Laboratory.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-665.
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- **Sep 19, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 396.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Jun 15, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1167-1168)
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