

S 1582

Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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**Law:** 110-386 (Enacted Oct 10, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/1582>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 7, 2007
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 7, 2007
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 7, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3352	Companion bill	<b>Apr 14, 2008:</b> Ordered placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 697.
110 S 1584	Related bill	<b>Jun 7, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7385-7386)

Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2008 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to revise the definitions of: (1) "hydrographic data" to include lidar, radar, remote sensing, shoreline and other ocean- and coastal-related surveying, and water level observations; and (2) "hydrographic services" to include references to shoreline and water level information.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to promote safe, efficient, and environmentally sound marine transportation and to acquire and disseminate hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services.

Revises the Administrator's authorities concerning the acquisition of hydrographic data and provision of hydrographic services including to permit: (1) support for the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources; (2) saving and protecting life and property and supporting the resumption of commerce in response to emergencies, natural and man-made disasters, and homeland security and maritime domain awareness needs; and (3) the creation and maintenance of joint centers with other federal agencies.

(Sec. 4) Modifies membership provisions regarding the Hydrographic Services Review Panel.

(Sec. 5) Authorizations appropriations: (1) through FY2012 for specified hydrographic services; and (2) to acquire a replacement hydrographic survey vessel capable of staying at sea continuously for at least 30 days.

(Sec. 6) Amends the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 to increase by 58 the number authorized commissioned officers on the NOAA lineal list if: (1) the Secretary of Commerce has submitted to Congress plans for ship recapitalization, aircraft remodernization, and supporting workforce management plans; (2) appropriated funding is available; and (3) the Secretary has justified organizational needs.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 10, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 10, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-386.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H10613-10615)
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Mr. Rahall asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text as passed House: CR H10613-10615)
- **Sep 29, 2008:** On passage Passed without objection. (text as passed House: CR H10613-10615)
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9862-9864; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9862-9863)
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Committee amendments withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with amendments. With written report No. 110-218.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 467.
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7378-7380)