

HR 739

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2013

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 23, 2013
Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Apr 23, 2013
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 7, 2013
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 7, 2013
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 22, 2013
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 3, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 24, 2013
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1000	Related bill	Dec 18, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-273.
113 HR 2954	Related bill	Feb 10, 2014: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2013 - Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Chesapeake Executive Council, the chief executive of each Chesapeake Bay state, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission, to submit to Congress a financial report containing: (1) an interagency crosscut budget for restoration activities that protect, conserve, or restore living resources, habitat, water resources, or water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; (2) an accounting of funds received and obligated by all federal agencies for restoration activities; (3) an accounting from each state of all funds received and obligated from a federal agency for restoration activities; and (4) a description of each of the proposed federal and state restoration activities. Requires such report to describe only federal or state restoration activities that have funding amounts of at least \$100,000 or \$50,000, respectively.

Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and update biennially an adaptive management plan for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that includes: (1) a definition of specific and measurable objectives to improve water quality, habitat, and fisheries; (2) a process for stakeholder participation; (3) monitoring, modeling, experimentation, and other research and evaluation practices; (4) a process for modification of restoration activities that have not attained or will not attain such objectives; and (5) a process for prioritizing restoration activities and programs to which adaptive management shall be applied. Requires the Administrator to: (1) report annually to Congress on implementation of such plan, and (2) include such plan in the Annual Action Plan and Annual Progress Report.

Requires appointment of an Independent Evaluator for the Chesapeake Bay watershed, who shall review and report to Congress biennially on restoration activities and the use of adaptive management in such activities, from among nominees submitted by the Chesapeake Executive Council.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-453, Part I.
- **May 19, 2014:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **May 19, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 335.
- **Mar 11, 2014:** For Further Action See H.R.2954.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Discharged.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 11, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Feb 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.