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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]

Party: Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 21, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 24, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 612	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-322.
114 HR 5303	Related bill	Sep 29, 2016: Received in the Senate.
114 S 2848	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Held at the desk.
114 HR 223	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2016: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 439.
114 HR 2029	Related bill	Dec 18, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-113.
114 S 504	Related bill	Feb 12, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to revise and reauthorize for FY2017-FY2021 the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Under a five-year action plan, the initiative must prioritize and carry out programs and projects for Great Lakes protection and restoration, including: (1) the remediation of toxic substances and areas of concern, (2) the prevention and control of invasive species and their impacts, (3) the protection and restoration of near-shore health and the prevention and mitigation of nonpoint source pollution, and (4) habitat and wildlife protection and restoration.

Funding made available to implement the initiative may not be used for any water infrastructure activity (other than a green infrastructure project that improves habitat and other ecosystem functions in the Great Lakes) for which funding is made available under the clean water or drinking water state revolving fund program. Federal agencies must: (1) maintain the base level of funding for their Great Lakes activities without regard to funding under the initiative, and (2) identify new activities to support the environmental goals of the initiative and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2016:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-211. Additional views filed.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 372.
- **Jan 20, 2016:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 21, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 21, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.