

## HR 223

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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| Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]              | R · WI        |      | Jan 16, 2015 |
| Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]              | R · MI        |      | Jan 21, 2015 |
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| Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]           | D · OH        |      | Jan 22, 2015 |
| Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]         | D · IN        |      | Jan 22, 2015 |
| Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]           | D · MI        |      | Feb 4, 2015  |
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| Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]                | R · NY        |      | Feb 17, 2015 |
| Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]               | D · IL        |      | Mar 3, 2015  |
| Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]            | D · MN        |      | Mar 17, 2015 |
| Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]         | R · NY        |      | Mar 18, 2015 |
| Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]     | R · NY        |      | Apr 13, 2015 |
| Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-22]          | R · NY        |      | Apr 13, 2015 |
| Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]                | R · MI        |      | Apr 14, 2015 |
| Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]               | D · OH        |      | Jun 2, 2015  |
| Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]             | R · NV        |      | Jun 3, 2015  |
| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]               | R · OH        |      | Jun 9, 2015  |
| Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]            | R · MI        |      | Jun 24, 2015 |
| Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-3]               | D · NY        |      | Jul 9, 2015  |
| Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]                | D · NY        |      | Jul 10, 2015 |
| Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]              | D · MN        |      | Jul 28, 2015 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10] | R · OH        |      | Oct 7, 2015  |
| Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]         | R · MI        |      | Nov 2, 2015  |
| Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]   | R · OH        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]  | D · IL        |      | Feb 29, 2016 |
| Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]     | R · OH        |      | Mar 7, 2016  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date        |
|---|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Discharged from | Mar 2, 2016 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 114 S 612   | Related bill   | <b>Dec 16, 2016:</b> Became Public Law No: 114-322.  |
| 114 HR 5303 | Related bill   | <b>Sep 29, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate.   |
| 114 S 2848  | Related bill   | <b>Sep 19, 2016:</b> Held at the desk.   |
| 114 S 1024  | Identical bill | <b>Feb 24, 2016:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 372. |
| 114 HR 2029 | Related bill   | <b>Dec 18, 2015:</b> Became Public Law No: 114-113.  |
| 114 S 504   | Related bill   | <b>Feb 12, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.     |

This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on March 23, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.

### **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2016**

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

The bill restates the initiative's priorities for Great Lakes protection and restoration programs and projects, 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 (water pollution that comes from many diffuse sources, such as pollution on the ground picked up by rain or snow); (4) habitat and wildlife protection and restoration; and (5) accountability, monitoring, evaluation, communication, and partnership activities.

In selecting the best combination of the initiative's programs and projects, the EPA must consult with the Great Lake states and Indian Tribes and solicit input from other non-federal stakeholders.

The EPA must designate a point person from an appropriate federal partner to coordinate, with federal partners and non-federal stakeholders, the initiative's projects and activities involving harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes.

In addition to current requirements concerning the use of funds made available to carry out the initiative, the bill requires initiative funds to be used to strategically implement operations and activities of EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office, such as remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern.

The EPA or federal department or agency that receives funds under the initiative may make a grant to, or enter into an agreement with, a qualified nonfederal entity for planning, researching, monitoring, outreach, or implementation of a project that supports the Initiative Action Plan or the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Projects may be carried out under the initiative on multiple levels, including at the local level.

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 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014.

The EPA must review, and revise, if appropriate, the Initiative Action Plan at least once every five years. The EPA must also: (1) establish a process for monitoring and periodically reporting to the public on the plan's progress, (2) make information about each project carried out under the plan available on a public website, and (3) provide to specified congressional committees a yearly detailed description of the initiative's progress and amounts transferred to participating federal departments and agencies for carrying out activities that support the initiative.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 27, 2016:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 439.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Mr. Gibbs moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1954-1957)
- **Apr 26, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 223.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1954-1955)
- **Apr 26, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1954-1955)
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 114-465.
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 354.
- **Mar 2, 2016:** Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Discharged.
- **Mar 2, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 2, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.