

S 2325

Digital Coast Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 19, 2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Dec 15, 2015
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 25, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4738	Related bill	Mar 15, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

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(Sec. 4) This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a constituent-driven Digital Coast program. (This program currently exists under NOAA to provide data, tools, and training that communities use to manage their coastal resources.) The program must: (1) provide an online resource that integrates geospatial data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices to address coastal management issues and needs, and to enhance resilient communities, ecosystem values, and coastal economic growth and development; and (2) provide for the documentation, dissemination, and archiving of the data.

NOAA must focus on filling data needs and gaps for critical coastal management issues and support continued improvement in existing efforts to coordinate the acquisition and integration of key data sets needed for coastal management, and other purposes. NOAA may enter into financial agreements to carry out the program. NOAA may enter into contracts with private sector entities as may be necessary to collect, process, and provide remote sensing and other geospatial data and products.

Additionally, NOAA may establish public tools that are capable of tracking ocean and Great Lakes economy data for each coastal state.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 29, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 28, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6519-6520; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6519-6520)
- **Nov 28, 2016:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6520)
- **Nov 28, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 28, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 27, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune under authority of the order of the Senate of 09/29/2016 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-369.
- **Oct 27, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 660.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.