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National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 764	Related bill	Jul 29, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-216.
114 S 2328	Related bill	Jun 30, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-187.
114 HR 4394	Related bill	Jan 29, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 HR 1900	Related bill	May 7, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

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This bill amends the National Sea Grant College Program Act to reauthorize through FY2021 the National Sea Grant College Program.

The bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to award Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowships. Currently, NOAA has discretion in awarding such fellowships. Those fellowships support the placement of graduate students in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources in positions with the executive and legislative branches.

NOAA must establish priorities for the use of donations given for the National Sea Grant Program.

An agency may appoint a recipient of a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship to a federal position within two years after such recipient successfully completes a fellowship.

The bill authorizes through FY2021 grants for university research on: (1) the biology, prevention, and control of aquatic nonnative species; (2) oyster diseases, oyster restoration, and oyster-related human health risks; (3) the biology, prevention, and forecasting of harmful algal blooms; and (4) sustainable aquaculture techniques and technologies. The bill also authorizes through FY2021 grants for: (1) fishery extension activities conducted by sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes to enhance existing core program funding; and (2) priority issues identified in the National Sea Grant Program's strategic plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jul 18, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 18, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Jul 15, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S5182-5183; text as passed Senate: CR S5182-5183)
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