

HR 4394

OCEAN Research Partnerships Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 764	Related bill	Jul 29, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-216.
114 S 3282	Related bill	Jul 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 S 2328	Related bill	Jun 30, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-187.
114 HR 1900	Related bill	May 7, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

Opportunities in Cooperative Education And New Research Partnerships Act or the OCEAN Research Partnerships Act

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

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must award Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowships. Currently, NOAA has discretion in awarding such fellowships. These 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.

In placing marine policy fellows in the legislative branch, NOAA must give priority to positions in: (1) offices or committees of Congress that have jurisdiction over NOAA; and (2) offices of Members of Congress that have a demonstrated interest in ocean, coastal, or Great Lakes resources.

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

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