

## HR 5277

### Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2016
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act

This bill amends the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a Working Waterfront Grant Program. Under the program, NOAA may award grants to coastal states with approved working waterfront plans in place to preserve and expand access to coastal waters for people engaged in fishing, aquaculture, boat building, and other water-dependent businesses.

In addition, NOAA is authorized to award grants to coastal states for the purpose of developing or revising working waterfront plans.

States are allowed to allocate any grant money received to eligible local governments and other entities. Each state that is awarded a grant must contribute at least 25% of matching funds towards the total cost of the project carried out with the grant, subject to certain exceptions.

The Department of the Interior must establish a Working Waterfront Task Force that will be designed to identify and address critical working waterfront needs with respect to cultural and economic importance, climate change and other environmental threats, and market conditions for water-dependent businesses.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **May 18, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.