

## HR 5417

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Reform Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jun 9, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (Jun 10, 2016)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2016
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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2016
Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 9, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2729	Identical bill	<b>Mar 17, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Reform Act of 2016**

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to make certain amounts in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund available, without appropriation, for expenditures to pay:

- 100% of the eligible operations and maintenance costs of specified portions of the Saint Lawrence Seaway as well as those assigned to commercial navigation of all U.S. harbors and inland harbors;
- rebates of certain tolls or charges on the Seaway; and
- all expenses of administration relating to harbor maintenance tax incurred by the Department of the Treasury, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Commerce.

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 is amended to:

- require allocation to certain donor ports and energy transfer ports of at least 20% of amounts made available each fiscal year from the Trust Fund, and
- authorize the Department of the Army to make the allocations equally between these kinds of ports.

A "donor port" is a port, subject to the harbor maintenance fee, located in a state in which more than 2 million cargo containers were unloaded from or loaded on to vessels in FY2012, whose total amount of collected harbor maintenance taxes comes to less than \$15 million annually, and which received less than 25% of the total amount of harbor maintenance taxes collected at that port in the previous five fiscal years.

An "energy transfer port" is one, also subject to the harbor maintenance fee, through which more than 40 million tons of cargo were transported in FY2012, and at which energy commodities constituted more than 25% of all commercial activity by tonnage in that fiscal year.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 10, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 9, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 9, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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