

## HR 573

### Estuary Urgent Needs Priority Program Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1523	Related bill	<b>May 20, 2016:</b> Became Public Law No: 114-162.
114 HR 944	Related bill	<b>Jun 2, 2015:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Estuary Urgent Needs Priority Program Act**

This bill amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to revise the National Estuary Program by requiring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make competitive awards to address urgent and challenging issues that threaten the economic and ecological well-being of coastal areas, including extensive seagrass habitat losses, recurring harmful algae blooms, unusual marine mammal mortalities, invasive exotic species, and jellyfish proliferation limiting community access to water during peak tourism seasons.

The EPA must give priority to national estuary programs that are not part of the Geographic Programs as described in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014.

### **Actions Timeline**

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