

HR 5771

Conserving Our Reefs and Livelihoods Act of 2016

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 13, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 25, 2016
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6331	Related bill	Nov 18, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 HR 4811	Related bill	Sep 30, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
114 HR 4787	Related bill	Mar 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 S 2705	Related bill	Mar 17, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill amends the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 to expand the coral reef conservation program by awarding remaining program grant funds to appropriate projects, including monitoring and assessment, research, and education necessary to protect and restore coral reefs.

The Coral Reef Conservation Fund is renamed the Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Fund.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must establish the Center of Excellence in Coral Reef Ecosystem Science Cooperative Institute. Additionally, the bill directs NOAA to submit to Congress a national coral reef action strategy.

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force is authorized to carry out prize competitions that promote coral reef research and conservation. The prize competitions must be designed to help the United States achieve its goal of developing new and effective ways to advance the understanding, monitoring, and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems.

The Department of the Interior may provide coral reef conservation and restoration assistance. Interior must obtain approval from the relevant fish and wildlife management agency of a state or territory before restricting fishing access to state or territorial waters within its jurisdiction.

The bill directs NOAA to award competitive grants for colleges, universities, and nonprofit research organizations to research lionfish and their impact on the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico ecosystems.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Jul 25, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, 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.