

## HR 944

To reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Feb 12, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Jun 2, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/944>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jolly, David W. [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Mar 2, 2015
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Mar 24, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 2, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 15, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 573	Related bill	<b>Jan 28, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

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 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 resulting in significant impacts on fisheries and water quality,
- recurring harmful algae blooms,
- unusual marine mammal mortalities,
- invasive exotic species that may threaten wastewater systems and cause other damage,
- jellyfish proliferation limiting community access to water during peak tourism seasons,
- flooding that may be related to sea level rise or wetland degradation or loss, and
- low dissolved oxygen conditions in estuarine waters and related nutrient management.

The bill reauthorizes through FY2020 grants to develop, implement, and monitor comprehensive conservation and management plans for estuaries. A certain portion of the allocation of appropriations must be used for the competitive awards.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 2, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Mr. Gibbs moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3618-3619)
- **Jun 1, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 944.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3618)
- **Jun 1, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3618)
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 8, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 114-104.
- **May 8, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 73.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Discharged.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.