

## S 1057

### Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** May 4, 2017

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Sep 27, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1057>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]     | D · MI        |      | May 4, 2017  |
| Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]        | R · OH        |      | May 4, 2017  |
| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]       | R · AK        |      | May 16, 2017 |
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]      | D · WI        |      | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]      | D · OH        |      | Jun 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]     | R · AK        |      | Jun 19, 2017 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Sep 12, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|---|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Aug 3, 2017 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 115 S 2200  | Related bill | <b>Jan 7, 2019:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-423.                            |
| 115 HR 6645 | Related bill | <b>Aug 17, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. |
| 115 HR 4417 | Related bill | <b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.             |

## Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017

This bill amends the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to reauthorize for FY2019-FY2023 the national harmful algal bloom and hypoxia program and the action strategy of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia. (Hypoxia is a deficiency of oxygen.)

(Sec. 3) The task force must include a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

(Sec. 4) Each required scientific assessment of harmful algal blooms in coastal waters must examine freshwater harmful algal blooms that originate in freshwater lakes or rivers and migrate to coastal waters.

(Sec. 5) In administering the program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must provide: (1) grants for accelerating the utilization of effective methods of intervention and mitigation to reduce the frequency, severity, and impacts of harmful algal bloom and hypoxia events; and (2) technical assistance to regional state, tribal, and local governments with respect to harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events.

NOAA must use cost effective methods in carrying out the Act and develop contingency plans for the long-term monitoring of hypoxia.

(Sec. 7) Federal officials may determine whether a harmful algal bloom or hypoxia event is an event of national significance and give funding to the affected state or local government for assessing and mitigating the detrimental environmental, economic, subsistence use, and public health effects of an event of national significance.

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### Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6145-6147; text: CR S6145-6146)
- **Sep 26, 2017:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6146)
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S6146-6147)
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S6146-6147)
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-145.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 205.
- **May 18, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 4, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 4, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.