

## HR 2396

### Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (May 1, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 30, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2440	Identical bill	Oct 29, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

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This bill provides a discretionary spending limit adjustment for full utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to ensure that funds are used to support navigation and maintain federally authorized harbors.

The bill makes certain amounts in the trust fund available, without appropriation, to pay

- 100% of the eligible operations and maintenance costs of specified portions of the Saint Lawrence Seaway (a system of locks, canals, and channels in Canada and the United States that permits oceangoing vessels to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes); and
- up to 100% of the eligible operations and maintenance costs assigned to commercial navigation of all U.S. harbors and inland harbors.

The discretionary spending adjustment in a given fiscal year may not exceed the amount within the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund on the last day of the fiscal year that is two years prior to such fiscal year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Apr 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.