

HR 3596

Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jun 28, 2019
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Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Aug 30, 2019
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Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Oct 4, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 729	Related bill	Dec 12, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill addresses the preservation and accessibility of waterfronts in coastal states.

The bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force that will be designed to identify and address critical working waterfront needs with respect to cultural and economic importance, environmental threats, and market conditions for water-dependent businesses.

NOAA must also establish a Working Waterfront Grant Program. Under the program, NOAA may award grants to coastal states with approved working waterfront plans in place to preserve and expand access to coastal waters for people engaged in fishing, aquaculture, boat building, and other water-dependent businesses.

In addition, NOAA is authorized to award grants to coastal states for the purpose of developing or revising working waterfront plans.

States are allowed to allocate any grant money received to eligible local governments and other entities. Each state that is awarded a grant must contribute at least 25% of matching funds towards the total cost of the project carried out with the grant, subject to certain exceptions.

The bill establishes the Working Waterfronts Preservation Loan Fund to provide loans to coastal states for the purpose of implementing working waterfront plans.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 15, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-295.
- **Nov 15, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 238.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 13.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
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