

HR 8627

To express the sense of Congress that the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall be the primary representative of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Chesapeake Bay, to require the Secretary of the Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide grants supporting research on the conservation, restoration, or management of oysters in estuarine ecosystems, and for other purposes.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Oct 20, 2020

Current Status: Committee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Committee Hearings Held. (Nov 17, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 17, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5056	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 8632	Related bill	Nov 17, 2020: Committee Hearings Held.

This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide grants to certain entities, including the academic community and seafood industry, to conduct research on the conservation, restoration, or management of oysters in estuarine ecosystems.

Grant awards may not exceed 85% of the research project's total cost unless NOAA waives such requirement. Additionally, NOAA must ensure that grant funding is apportioned according to the historic baseline (i.e., the estimated population of oysters in an estuary in 1850) oyster population of each estuary of the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2020:** Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Nov 6, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.