

HR 4235

Living Shorelines Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3764	Related bill	Dec 30, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 511.
117 S 2633	Related bill	Aug 5, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish grant programs to support living shoreline projects and research on nature-based infrastructure.

NOAA must award grants to state or local governments, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes to (1) implement climate-resilient living shoreline projects; and (2) encourage innovation in the use of natural materials to protect coastal communities, habitats, and natural system functions.

NOAA shall establish an engineering standard applicable to living shoreline projects for each region of the United States and use such standard to select eligible entities to receive such grants.

A grant to carry out a living shoreline project may be used only to

- carry out the project, including administration, design, permitting, entry into negotiated indirect cost rate agreements, and construction;
- monitor, collect, and report data on the performance of the project, in accordance with the engineering standard; or
- incentivize landowners to engage in such projects.

NOAA shall award competitive research grants to eligible entities, including U.S. territories, to carry out projects focused on developing and assessing the effectiveness of innovative approaches to nature-based infrastructure for specified climate-related purposes. NOAA shall award grants to such entities for projects that focus on, among other things

- assessing the effectiveness of installed nature-based infrastructure, or
- novel approaches to nature-based infrastructure and living shorelines.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.