

HR 6987

To establish programs to reduce the impacts of vessel traffic and underwater noise on marine mammals, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 17, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	Mar 1, 2022: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.
117 HR 5957	Related bill	Nov 30, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

This bill establishes programs to mitigate the impact of marine traffic on marine ecosystems and wildlife, with a particular emphasis on underwater noise.

The National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA) must

- maintain and expand activities to collect and assess underwater sounds in high-priority ocean and coastal locations,
- award grants to port authorities or related entities for implementing measures to mitigate the impact of port operations and marine traffic on marine mammals, and
- implement a program to reduce collisions between large whales and marine vessels.

In addition, the Maritime Administration must award grants to academic or research institutions, U.S. nationals or corporations, or state or tribal governments for developing and implementing technologies that reduce underwater noise from marine vessels. The administration must also report to Congress about nonclassified naval technologies that reduce underwater noise from marine vessels.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 11, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, 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.