

# HR 131

Manatee Protection Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries. (Feb 21, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/131>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 10, 2023
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Feb 10, 2023
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Feb 21, 2023
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Mar 9, 2023
Rep. Luna, Anna Paulina [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Mar 27, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Mar 27, 2023
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		May 28, 2024
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 1, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Manatee Protection Act of 2023

This bill requires the Department of the Interior to include the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) in the endangered species list and give the species protections provided to endangered species.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.