

## S 50

### Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary of National Significance Act of 2024

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Jan 24, 2023

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 118-152.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 118-152. (Dec 17, 2024)

**Law:** 118-152 (Enacted Dec 17, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/50>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 12, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Dec 17, 2024)

#### Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary of National Significance Act of 2024

This act revises the National Estuary Program to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to give priority consideration to selecting the Pensacola and Perdido Bays in Florida as estuaries of national significance. Under the existing program, the EPA protects and restores the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance.

The EPA may not use any amounts appropriated to carry out the national estuary program for the Pensacola and Perdido Bays (1) in FY2024, nor (2) in FY2025 unless the total amount appropriated to carry out the program for FY2025 is at least \$850,000 more than the total amount appropriated to carry out that program for FY2023.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-152.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Mr. Graves (LA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6529)
- **Dec 9, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 50.
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6529)
- **Dec 9, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6529)
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 14, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2371)
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2371)
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.