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To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation

A BILL

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Program Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Sea Grant
5 College Program Amendments Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT COL-**
7 **LEGE PROGRAM ACT.**

8 Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in
9 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
10 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-

1 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
2 section or other provision of the National Sea Grant Col-
3 lege Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).

4 **SEC. 3. SEA GRANT COLLEGES AND SEA GRANT INSTI-**
5 **TUTES; ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS.**

6 Section 207 (33 U.S.C. 1126) is amended by striking
7 subsection (e).

8 **SEC. 4. DEAN JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOW-**
9 **SHIP.**

10 Section 208(b) (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)) is amended by
11 striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

12 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON COORDINATION OF OCEANS AND**
13 **COASTAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.**

14 Section 9 of the National Sea Grant College Program
15 Act Amendments of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 857–20) is repealed.

16 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL SEA GRANT ADVISORY BOARD REPORT.**

17 Section 209(b) (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)) is amended by
18 amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

19 “(2) REPORT.—The Board shall report to the
20 Congress every 3 years on the state of the national
21 sea grant college program. The Board shall indicate
22 in each such report the progress made toward meet-
23 ing the priorities identified in the strategic plan in
24 effect under section 204(c). The Secretary shall
25 make available to the Board such information, per-

1 sonnel, and administrative services and assistance as
2 it may reasonably require to carry out its duties
3 under this title.”.

4 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

5 Section 205(c) (33 U.S.C. 1124(c)) is amended by
6 striking “ELEGIBILITY” in the heading and inserting
7 “ELIGIBILITY”.

8 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 212(a) (33 U.S.C.
10 1131(a)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)—

12 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
13 paragraph (E);

14 (B) by striking the period at the end of
15 subparagraph (F) and inserting a semicolon;

16 and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(G) \$72,000,000 for fiscal year 2015;

19 “(H) \$75,600,000 for fiscal year 2016;

20 “(I) \$79,380,000 for fiscal year 2017;

21 “(J) \$83,350,000 for fiscal year 2018;

22 “(K) \$87,520,000 for fiscal year 2019;

23 and

24 “(L) \$91,900,000 for fiscal year 2020.”;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “ACTIVITIES”
2 in the heading and inserting “ACTIVITIES THROUGH
3 FISCAL YEAR 2014”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEARS
6 2015 THROUGH 2020.—In addition to the amounts
7 authorized under paragraph (1), there is authorized
8 to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2015
9 through 2020 \$18,000,000 for competitive grants
10 for the following:

11 “(A) University research on the biology,
12 prevention, and control of aquatic nonnative
13 species.

14 “(B) University research on oyster dis-
15 eases, oyster restoration, and oyster-related
16 human health risks.

17 “(C) University research on the biology,
18 prevention, and forecasting of harmful algal
19 blooms.

20 “(D) University research, education, train-
21 ing, and extension services and activities fo-
22 cused on regional or national priority issues
23 identified in the strategic plan under section
24 204(c)(1).

1 “(E) Fishery extension activities conducted
2 by sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes to
3 enhance, and not supplant, existing core pro-
4 gram funding.”.

5 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Section 212(b)(1) (33 U.S.C.
6 1131(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(1) ADMINISTRATION.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There may not be
9 used for administration of programs under this
10 title in a fiscal year more than 5.5 percent of
11 the lesser of—

12 “(i) the amount authorized to be ap-
13 propriated under this title for the fiscal
14 year; or

15 “(ii) the amount appropriated under
16 this title for the fiscal year.

17 “(B) CRITICAL STAFFING REQUIRE-
18 MENTS.—The Director shall use the authority
19 under subchapter VI of chapter 33 of title 5,
20 United States Code, to meet any critical staff-
21 ing requirement while implementing the activi-
22 ties authorized in this title. The costs associated
23 with that exercise of authority shall not be
24 counted toward the cap under subparagraph
25 (A).”.

1 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—Section 212(c) (33
2 U.S.C. 1131(c)) is amended by inserting “, the year in
3 which base funding was set,” after “2003”.

4 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 212(b)(2)
5 (33 U.S.C. 1131(b)(2)) is amended by inserting “or
6 (a)(3)” after “(a)(2)”.

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