

Blumenthal_Substitute

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.**S. 1730**

To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. Blumenthal

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATIONS TO NATIONAL SEA GRANT**

4 **COLLEGE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) of the National Sea

6 Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)) is

7 amended by inserting “resilience,” after “utilization,”

8 each place such term appears.

1 (b) OBJECTIVE.—Section 202(b) of such Act (33
2 U.S.C. 1121(b)) is amended by inserting “resilience,”
3 after “utilization,”.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 203(4) of such Act (33
5 U.S.C. 1122(4)) is amended by inserting “resilience,”
6 after “utilization,”.

7 (d) DUTIES OF ADVISORY BOARD.—Section
8 209(b)(1)(A) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)(1)(A)) is
9 amended by inserting “resilience,” after “utilization,”.

10 (e) MEMBERSHIP.—Section 209(c)(1) of such Act
11 (33 U.S.C. 1128(c)(1)) is amended in the fourth sentence
12 by inserting “resilience,” after “utilization,”.

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
14 212(a) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1131(a)) is amended by
15 adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) COASTAL HAZARD REDUCTION ACTIVITIES
17 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024.—In addi-
18 tion to other amounts authorized to be appropriated
19 to carry out this title, there are authorized to be ap-
20 propriated \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
21 through 2024 for competitive grants for cooperative
22 research, implementation, and extension regarding
23 natural, nature-based, and restoration approaches to
24 increasing the resilience of shorelines.”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IM-**
2 **PROVEMENT GRANTS TO COASTAL STATES.**

3 (a) OBJECTIVES FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IM-
4 PROVEMENT GRANTS.—Section 306A(b) of the Coastal
5 Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455a(b)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(5) The design and implementation of climate-
8 resilient living shoreline projects and the application
9 of innovative uses of natural materials and systems
10 to protect coastal communities, habitats, and natural
11 system functions.”.

12 (b) REDUCED MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR CER-
13 TAIN COASTAL STATES.—Section 306A(d) of such Act (16
14 U.S.C. 1455a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the
15 following:

16 “(4) The Secretary may reduce or waive the matching
17 requirement under paragraph (1) for an eligible coastal
18 state if—

19 “(A) the eligible coastal state submits to the
20 Secretary in writing—

21 “(i) a request for such a reduction or waiv-
22 er and, in the case of a request for a reduction,
23 the amount of the reduction; and

24 “(ii) a justification for why the state can-
25 not meet the matching requirement; and

1 “(B) the Secretary agrees with the justifica-
2 tion.”.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 318(a) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1464(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking the period
8 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

10 “(3) for grants under section 306A(b)(5),
11 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through
12 2024.”.