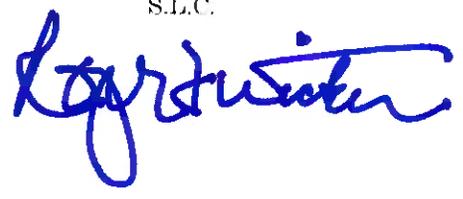


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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To improve the weather research of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, and expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER

Viz:

1 At end, add the following:

2 **TITLE XII—INTEGRATED OCEAN**
3 **OBSERVATION SYSTEM REAU-**
4 **THORIZATION ACT OF 2025**

5 **SECTION 1201. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Integrated Ocean Ob-
7 servation System Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

8 **SEC. 1202. PURPOSES.**

9 Section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
10 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601) is
11 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
2 subparagraph (A)—

3 (A) by striking “Council” and inserting
4 “Ocean Policy Committee”;

5 (B) by striking “and ocean observation”
6 and inserting “, ocean, and meteorological ob-
7 servations”; and

8 (C) by striking “and coastal information”
9 and inserting “, coastal, and meteorological in-
10 formation”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (4)(A)—

12 (A) by inserting “data management sys-
13 tems and cyber infrastructure,” after “data
14 gaps,”; and

15 (B) by striking “global climate change.”

16 **SEC. 1203. DEFINITIONS.**

17 Section 12303 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
18 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3602) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

21 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and
22 (5) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respectively;

23 (3) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated, by
24 striking “Council” and inserting “Ocean Policy
25 Committee”;

1 (4) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignig-
2 nated by paragraph (2), the following:

3 “(5) OCEAN POLICY COMMITTEE.—The term
4 ‘Ocean Policy Committee’ means the Ocean Policy
5 Committee established by section 8932 of title 10,
6 United States Code.”;

7 (5) in paragraph (6), by inserting “conduct
8 operational oceanography measurements and” after
9 “systems in order to”;

10 (6) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as
11 paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively;

12 (7) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(8) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-
15 ing given that term in section 3501 of title 40,
16 United States Code.”; and

17 (8) in paragraph (10), as redesignated by para-
18 graph (6), by striking “Council” and inserting
19 “Ocean Policy Committee”.

20 **SEC. 1204. INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING**
21 **SYSTEM.**

22 Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
23 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3603) is
24 amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “na-
2 tional” and inserting “regional, national”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
4 “and ocean” after “weather”; and

5 (C) in subparagraph (E)—

6 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “and
7 ocean” after “weather” each place it ap-
8 pears; and

9 (ii) in clause (v), by inserting “and
10 ocean” after “weather”;

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
14 ing “COUNCIL” and inserting “OCEAN
15 POLICY COMMITTEE”; and

16 (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-
17 graph (A), by striking “Council” each
18 place it appears and inserting “Ocean Pol-
19 icy Committee”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
22 “The Council” and inserting “The Ocean
23 Policy Committee”; and

24 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (I) by redesignating clauses (vi)
2 through (x) as clauses (vii) through
3 (xi), respectively; and

4 (II) by inserting after clause (v)
5 the following:

6 “(vi) develop requirements and proc-
7 esses for regional associations and feder-
8 ally funded projects of the agencies partici-
9 pating in the Interagency Ocean Observa-
10 tion Committee to collaborate with the re-
11 gional coastal observing systems for data
12 sharing at regional levels;” and

13 (C) in paragraph (3)(C)—

14 (i) in clause (iii)(I), by inserting “as
15 operational entities” after “associations”;

16 (ii) in clause (x), by inserting “, cyber
17 infrastructure,” after “data management”;

18 and

19 (iii) in clause (xiii)—

20 (I) by inserting “and ocean”
21 after “weather”; and

22 (II) by striking “and harmful
23 algal bloom forecasting” and inserting
24 “harmful algal bloom forecasting, and
25 resource and coastal management”;

1 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by adding a period at
2 the end; and

3 (4) by striking “the Council” each place it ap-
4 pears and inserting “the Ocean Policy Committee”.

5 **SEC. 1205. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

6 Section 12307 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
7 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3606) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and
11 (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively;
12 and

13 (B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
14 following:

15 “(8) a post-storm evaluation for all major
16 storms in the United States that occurred during
17 the year preceding the submission of the report, to
18 assess the impact of observations of the System and
19 other products of the System with respect to storm
20 forecast accuracy;” and

21 (2) by striking “the Council” each place it ap-
22 pears and inserting “the Ocean Policy Committee”.

1 **SEC. 1206. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 12311 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean
3 Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3610) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “There are” and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

8 (2) by striking “this subtitle” and all that fol-
9 lows through “(5)”;

10 (3) by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting
11 “each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”; and

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

13 “(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
15 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall allocate not less
16 than 7.5 percent of amounts appropriated pursuant
17 to the authorization of appropriations under sub-
18 section (a) to each regional coastal observing system
19 that was in existence on January 1, 2025.

20 “(2) EXCLUSION OF DISASTER RELIEF APPRO-
21 PRIATIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not apply with re-
22 spect to any amounts appropriated by an Act mak-
23 ing supplemental appropriations for disaster relief.”.

24 **SEC. 1207. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

25 (a) INTERAGENCY FINANCING AND AGREEMENTS.—

26 Section 12305(b) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Ob-

1 servation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3604(b)) is
2 amended by striking “the Council” and inserting “the
3 Ocean Policy Committee”.

4 (b) PUBLIC-PRIVATE USE POLICY.—Section 12308
5 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System
6 Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3607) is amended by striking
7 “Council” each place it appears and inserting “Ocean Pol-
8 icy Committee”.

9 (c) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—Section 12310 of the In-
10 tegrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of
11 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3609) is amended by striking “the Coun-
12 cil” each place it appears and inserting “the Ocean Policy
13 Committee”.