AMENDMENT NO. ________  Calendar No. ________

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.


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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

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

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 COLLEGE PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

7  each place such term appears.
(b) **OBJECTIVE.**—Section 202(b) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(b)) is amended by inserting “resilience,” after “utilization,”.

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

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

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

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

“(3) **COASTAL HAZARD REDUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024.**—In addition to other amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title, there are authorized to be appropriated $25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2024 for competitive grants for cooperative research, implementation, and extension regarding natural, nature-based, and restoration approaches to increasing the resilience of shorelines.”.
SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT GRANTS TO COASTAL STATES.

(a) Objectives for Resource Management Improvement Grants.—Section 306A(b) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455a(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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

(b) Reduced Matching Requirement for Certain Coastal States.—Section 306A(d) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1455a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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

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

“(i) a request for such a reduction or waiver and, in the case of a request for a reduction, the amount of the reduction; and

“(ii) a justification for why the state cannot meet the matching requirement; and
“(B) the Secretary agrees with the justification.”.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section 318(a) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1464(a)) is amended—

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

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

(3) by adding at the end the following:

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