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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require monitoring and reporting on performance of living shorelines projects.

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 intended to be proposed by Mr. SCOTT of Florida to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL

Viz:

1 On page 4 of the amendment, between lines 2 and
2 3, insert the following:

3 (c) MONITORING AND REPORTING ON PERFORM-
4 ANCE.—Section 306A of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1455a) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) The Secretary shall require each eligible coastal
7 state (or a representative of the state) receiving a grant

1 under subsection (b)(5) to carry out a living shoreline
2 project—

3 “(1) to monitor and collect data on—

4 “(A) the benefits of the project to the
5 coastal community in which the project is car-
6 ried out, including—

7 “(i) mitigating the effects of erosion;

8 “(ii) attenuating the impact of coastal
9 storms and storm surge;

10 “(iii) mitigating shoreline flooding;

11 “(iv) mitigating the effects of sea level
12 rise and extreme tides;

13 “(v) sustaining, protecting, or restor-
14 ing the functions and habitats of coastal
15 ecosystems; or

16 “(vi) such other forms of coastal pro-
17 tection as the Secretary considers appro-
18 priate; and

19 “(B) the performance of the project in pro-
20 viding such benefits;

21 “(2) to make data collected under the project
22 available on a publicly accessible internet website of
23 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
24 tion; and

1 “(3) not later than one year after the eligible
2 coastal state receives the grant, and annually there-
3 after until completion of the project, to submit to
4 the Secretary a report including—

5 “(A) the data described in paragraph (1);

6 “(B) an assessment of the ultimate effec-
7 tiveness of the project in increasing coastal pro-
8 tection in the coastal community in which the
9 project is carried out, including a description
10 of—

11 “(i) the project;

12 “(ii) the activities carried out under
13 the project; and

14 “(iii) the techniques and materials
15 used in carrying out the project; and

16 “(C) a detailed description of any defi-
17 ciencies or failures of the project to perform as
18 originally intended.

19 “(h) In making eligibility determinations for grants
20 under subsection (b)(5), the Secretary shall take into ac-
21 count the successes or failures of each grantee dem-
22 onstrated by the compliance of the grantee with the re-
23 quirements under subsection (g).”.