AMENDMENT NO._______ Calendar No._____

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


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.

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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 3, insert the following:

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

6 “(g) The Secretary shall require each eligible coastal state (or a representative of the state) receiving a grant
under subsection (b)(5) to carry out a living shoreline project—

“(1) to monitor and collect data on—

“(A) the benefits of the project to the coastal community in which the project is carried out, including—

“(i) mitigating the effects of erosion;

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

“(iii) mitigating shoreline flooding;

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

“(v) sustaining, protecting, or restoring the functions and habitats of coastal ecosystems; or

“(vi) such other forms of coastal protection as the Secretary considers appropriate; and

“(B) the performance of the project in providing such benefits;

“(2) to make data collected under the project available on a publicly accessible internet website of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and
“(3) not later than one year after the eligible coastal state receives the grant, and annually thereafter until completion of the project, to submit to the Secretary a report including—

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

“(B) an assessment of the ultimate effectiveness of the project in increasing coastal protection in the coastal community in which the project is carried out, including a description of—

“(i) the project;

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

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

“(C) a detailed description of any deficiencies or failures of the project to perform as originally intended.

“(h) In making eligibility determinations for grants under subsection (b)(5), the Secretary shall take into account the successes or failures of each grantee demonstrated by the compliance of the grantee with the requirements under subsection (g).”.