

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 50

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to give priority consideration to selecting Pensacola and Perdido Bays as an estuary of national significance, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pensacola and Perdido
3 Bays Estuary of National Significance Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. PENSACOLA AND PERDIDO BAYS.**

5 Section 320(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution
6 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(a)(2)(B)) is amended by
7 striking “and Lower Columbia River, Oregon and Wash-
8 ington” and inserting “Lower Columbia River, Oregon
9 and Washington; and Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Flor-
10 ida”.

11 **SEC. 3. INELIGIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO FISCAL YEARS**
12 **2024 AND 2025.**

13 With respect to the amendment made by section 2,
14 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
15 cy may not use for the implementation of that amendment,
16 including, with respect to Pensacola and Perdido Bays,
17 Florida, convening a management conference, developing
18 or carrying out a comprehensive conservation and manage-
19 ment plan, or providing grants under section 320 of the
20 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330)—

21 (1) any amounts appropriated to carry out the
22 national estuary program under that section for fis-
23 cal year 2024; or

24 (2) unless the total amount appropriated to
25 carry out that program for fiscal year 2025 is at
26 least \$850,000 more than the total amount appro-

1 priated to carry out that program for fiscal year
2 2023, any amounts appropriated to carry out that
3 program for fiscal year 2025.

Passed the Senate March 12, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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