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To provide for assistance to improve the resilience of historic light stations, to study the long-term protection needs of historic light stations, and to establish a national database of historic light stations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2022

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Historic Lighthouse
5 Resiliency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
 2 ty” means a State or local government or nonprofit
 3 organization that owns or controls a historic light
 4 station.

5 (2) HISTORIC LIGHT STATION.—The term “his-
 6 toric light station” means a lighthouse, including
 7 walkways and underlying, adjacent, and appurtenant
 8 land and related real property and associated im-
 9 provements—

10 (A) that is owned or controlled by an eligi-
 11 ble entity as a result of a conveyance under
 12 chapter 3051 of title 54, United States Code;
 13 and

14 (B) that is included, or eligible for inclu-
 15 sion, in the National Register of Historic
 16 Places.

17 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 18 the Secretary of the Army.

19 **SEC. 3. HISTORIC LIGHT STATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out
 21 projects to make structural or nonstructural improve-
 22 ments, including relocation—

23 (1) to improve the resilience of a historic light
 24 station against the adverse effects of climate change,
 25 such as sea level rise and storm damage;

1 (2) to ensure continued public access to the his-
2 toric light station; and

3 (3) to improve public safety on the grounds of
4 the historic light station.

5 (b) COSTS.—

6 (1) COST-SHARE.—The Federal share of the
7 cost of a project carried out under this section shall
8 be 65 percent.

9 (2) PROJECT LIMIT.—The Federal cost of a
10 project carried out under this section may not ex-
11 ceed \$15,000,000.

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY; NATIONAL DATABASE.**

13 (a) STUDY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
15 tion with the Secretary of the Interior, State His-
16 toric Preservation Officers, and other appropriate
17 State and local public agencies and private organiza-
18 tions, shall conduct a study of national historic light
19 stations to determine the long-term protection needs
20 of historic light stations.

21 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—As part of the study
22 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

23 (A) identify each historic light station in
24 the United States;

1 (B) recommend management alternatives
2 that would be most effective for the long-term
3 resiliency of historic light stations;

4 (C) identify sources of financial and tech-
5 nical assistance for communities to maintain,
6 repair, and preserve historic light stations; and

7 (D) address how to assist eligible entities
8 in increasing public access to historic light sta-
9 tions.

10 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
11 date on which funds are made available to carry out
12 the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
13 submit to the Committee on Environment and Pub-
14 lic Works of the Senate and the Committee on
15 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
16 Representatives a report that describes the results of
17 the study and any findings and recommendations of
18 the Secretary.

19 (b) NATIONAL DATABASE.—Based on the results of
20 the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall estab-
21 lish a national database of historic light stations.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal
4 years 2022 through 2024.

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