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To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a conclusive presumption that a State concurs to certain activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a conclusive presumption that a State concurs to certain activities, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONCLUSIVE PRESUMPTION FOR CERTAIN AC-**
4 **TIVITIES.**

5 Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of
6 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1456) is amended by adding at the end:

7 “(j) CONCLUSIVE PRESUMPTION FOR CERTAIN AC-
8 TIVITIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (3), with respect to a covered activity, a coast-

1 al state shall be conclusively presumed to concur
2 with—

3 “(A) a consistency determination provided
4 to the coastal state by a Federal agency under
5 subsection (c)(1)(C);

6 “(B) a determination or other finding of a
7 Federal agency under subsection (c)(2) that a
8 development project in the coastal zone of the
9 coastal state is consistent with the enforceable
10 policies of the approved state management pro-
11 gram of the coastal state;

12 “(C) a certification provided to the coastal
13 state by an applicant under subsection
14 (c)(3)(A) or person under subsection (c)(3)(B);
15 and

16 “(D) a determination or other finding of a
17 State or local government under subsection (d)
18 that an application for Federal assistance sub-
19 mitted by such State or local government is
20 consistent with the enforceable policies of the
21 approved state management program of the
22 coastal state.

23 “(2) LIMITATION ON OBJECTION.—An objection
24 or other challenge by a coastal state to an activity
25 subject to a conclusive presumption of concurrence

1 under paragraph (1) may not delay or otherwise pre-
2 vent the activity from proceeding.

3 “(3) REVIEW OF PRESUMPTIVE CONCUR-
4 RENCE.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
6 days after the Secretary receives a consistency
7 determination, certification, or other relevant
8 finding under this section, the Secretary may
9 issue a written determination with respect to an
10 activity subject to a conclusive presumption of
11 concurrence under paragraph (1) that nullifies
12 the conclusive presumption of concurrence if the
13 Secretary finds that the activity is not a cov-
14 ered activity.

15 “(B) PRESUMPTION OF FINALITY.—If the
16 Secretary does not issue a written determina-
17 tion under subparagraph (A) with respect to an
18 activity subject to a conclusive presumption of
19 concurrence under paragraph (1) within the
20 time period described in that subparagraph, the
21 conclusive presumption of concurrence shall be
22 final and binding.

23 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

24 “(A) ACTIVITY WITH A SIGNIFICANT NA-
25 TIONAL OR REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT.—The

term ‘activity with a significant national or regional economic impact’ means an activity—

“(i) that is authorized or funded in whole or in part by the Federal Government; and

“(ii) that is carried out in—

“(I) an area with a low per capita income; or

“(II) an area with a high unemployment rate.

“(B) AREA WITH A HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.—The term ‘area with a high unemployment rate’ means an area where the unemployment rate, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, is at least 1 percentage point higher than the national average unemployment rate for such period, as determined by the Secretary using the most recent data available from—

“(i) the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce;

“(ii) the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor;

“(iii) another Federal source the Secretary determines appropriate; or

1 “(iv) if no recent Federal data is
2 available, data from the State agencies of
3 such area the Secretary determines appro-
4 priate.

5 “(C) AREA WITH A LOW PER CAPITA IN-
6 COME.—The term ‘area with low per capita in-
7 come’ means an area where the per capita in-
8 come is not more than 20 percent less than the
9 national average per capita income, as deter-
10 mined by the Secretary using the most recent
11 data available from—

12 “(i) the Bureau of Economic Analysis
13 of the Department of Commerce; or

14 “(ii) another Federal source the Sec-
15 retary determines appropriate.

16 “(D) COVERED ACTIVITY.—The term ‘cov-
17 ered activity’ means—

18 “(i) a national security activity;

19 “(ii) a critical infrastructure project;

20 “(iii) a disaster recovery or mitigation
21 activity; or

22 “(iv) an activity with a significant na-
23 tional or regional economic impact.

24 “(E) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
25 term ‘critical infrastructure’ has the meaning

given the term in section 1016(e) of the USA
PATRIOT Act (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

“(F) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECT.—The term ‘critical infrastructure
project’ means any project—

“(i) that is authorized or funded in
whole or in part by the Federal Govern-
ment; and

“(ii) that involves—

“(I) the planning, construction,
maintenance, or improvement of crit-
ical infrastructure;

“(II) a facility or an activity as-
sociated with any critical infrastruc-
ture sectors; or

“(III) a material or asset that is
essential to the operation, mainte-
nance, or development of critical in-
frastructure.

“(G) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SEC-
TORS.—The term ‘critical infrastructure sec-
tors’ has the meaning given the term in section
2001 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
U.S.C. 601).

1 “(H) DISASTER RECOVERY OR MITIGATION
2 ACTIVITY.—The term ‘disaster recovery or miti-
3 gation activity’ means an activity—

4 “(i) that is authorized or funded in
5 whole or in part by the Federal Govern-
6 ment; and

7 “(ii) that is carried out to prevent,
8 prepare for, respond to, recover from, or
9 mitigate the effects of—

10 “(I) an emergency;

11 “(II) a major disaster; or

12 “(III) any other incident or
13 threat that the Administrator of the
14 Federal Emergency Management
15 Agency determines poses a significant
16 risk to public health, safety, or prop-
17 erty.

18 “(I) EMERGENCY; MAJOR DISASTER.—The
19 terms ‘emergency’ and ‘major disaster’ have
20 such meanings given such terms in section 102
21 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
22 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

23 “(J) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The
24 term ‘intelligence community’ has the meaning

1 given the term in section 3 of the National Se-
2 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

3 “(K) NATIONAL SECURITY ACTIVITY.—The
4 term ‘national security activity’ means an activ-
5 ity that is carried out by or on behalf of—

6 “(i) the Department of Defense;

7 “(ii) the Department of Homeland Se-
8 curity; or

9 “(iii) the intelligence community.”.

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