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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a Great Lakes Research Council.

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Mr. FINGERHUT (for himself, Mr. QUINN, Mr. STOKES, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. YATES, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Public Works and Transportation and Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Great Lakes Federal
5 Effectiveness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES RESEARCH COUNCIL.**

7 Subsection (d) of section 118 of the Federal Water
8 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268) is amended to
9 read as follows:

1 “(d) GREAT LAKES RESEARCH COUNCIL.—

2 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

3 “(A) COUNCIL.—The term ‘Council’ means
4 the Great Lakes Research Council established
5 under paragraph (2).

6 “(B) GREAT LAKES.—The term ‘Great
7 Lakes’ means—

8 “(i) Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake
9 Michigan, Lake Ontario, and Lake Supe-
10 rior;

11 “(ii) the connecting waters of the
12 lakes listed in clause (i), including the St.
13 Mary’s River, the St. Clair River, Lake St.
14 Clair, the Detroit River, and the Niagara
15 River; and

16 “(iii) the St. Lawrence River.

17 “(C) GREAT LAKES RESEARCH.—The term
18 ‘Great Lakes research’ means the application of
19 scientific or engineering expertise to explain,
20 understand, and predict the physical, chemical,
21 biological, and socioeconomic processes, and
22 their interactions, in the Great Lakes eco-
23 system.

24 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
25 Great Lakes Research Council.

1 “(3) DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.—The Council
2 shall—

3 “(A) not later than 12 months after the
4 date of enactment of this subparagraph, pre-
5 pare and provide to Congress and other inter-
6 ested parties, a report that—

7 “(i) promotes the coordination of Fed-
8 eral research activities to avoid unneces-
9 sary duplication and ensure greater effec-
10 tiveness in achieving protection of the eco-
11 system of the Great Lakes and the goals of
12 the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement;

13 “(ii) assesses the research activities
14 needed to fulfill the Great Lakes Water
15 Quality Agreement goals;

16 “(iii) assesses Federal expertise and
17 capabilities existing on the date of enact-
18 ment of this clause in activities needed to
19 fulfill the Great Lakes Water Quality
20 Agreement goals, including an inventory of
21 existing Federal Great Lakes research pro-
22 grams, projects, facilities, and personnel;

23 “(iv) recommends long-term and
24 short-term research priorities for Federal
25 research on the Great Lakes, based on a

1 comparison of the assessments conducted
2 under clauses (ii) and (iii), and programs
3 existing on the date of enactment of this
4 clause; and

5 “(v) describes coordination efforts
6 with Canada;

7 “(B) identify topics for, and participate in,
8 meetings, workshops, symposia, and conferences
9 on Great Lakes research issues;

10 “(C) make recommendations for the uni-
11 form collection and storage of data for enhanc-
12 ing research and management protocols relating
13 to the protection and restoration of the phys-
14 ical, biological, and chemical integrity of the
15 Great Lakes ecosystem;

16 “(D) consider and make recommendations
17 with respect to the establishment of a com-
18 prehensive, multimedia database for the Great
19 Lakes ecosystem; and

20 “(E) ensure that the results, findings, and
21 information regarding Great Lakes research
22 programs conducted or sponsored by the Fed-
23 eral Government be disseminated in a timely
24 manner, and in useful forms, to interested per-
25 sons, using as much as possible existing mecha-

1 nisms such as the Great Lakes Research Inven-
2 tory prepared by the International Joint Com-
3 mission.

4 “(4) MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall be
6 comprised of 1 research manager with extensive
7 knowledge, scientific expertise, and experience
8 in the Great Lakes ecosystem from each of the
9 following organizations:

10 “(i) The Environmental Protection
11 Agency.

12 “(ii) The National Oceanic and At-
13 mospheric Administration.

14 “(iii) The Fish and Wildlife Service.

15 “(iv) The Coast Guard.

16 “(v) Any other relevant Federal de-
17 partment, agency, or instrumentality, as
18 determined by the Council membership.

19 “(B) NON-VOTING MEMBERS.—Any other
20 person who is not a Federal employee may
21 serve as a non-voting member of the Council, at
22 the request of the Council membership.

23 “(5) CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the
24 Council shall elect a Chairperson from among the
25 members of the Council appointed pursuant to para-

1 graphs (4)(A) (i), (ii), and (iii). The Chairperson
2 shall serve a term of 2 years but may not serve for
3 more than 2 consecutive terms.

4 “(6) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the
5 Council who is not an employee of the Federal Gov-
6 ernment shall be allowed travel expenses, including
7 per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
8 for employees under subchapter I of chapter 57 of
9 title 5, United States Code, while away from the
10 home or regular place of business of the member in
11 the performance of services for the Council.

12 “(7) INTERAGENCY COOPERATION.—The head
13 of each department, agency, or other instrumentality
14 of the Federal Government that is represented on
15 the Council—

16 “(A) may, upon written request of the
17 Chairperson, make available, on a reimbursable
18 basis or otherwise, personnel, services, or facili-
19 ties as may be necessary to assist the Council
20 in achieving the purposes of this subsection;
21 and

22 “(B) shall, upon written request from the
23 Chairperson, furnish data or other information
24 necessary to achieve the purposes of this sub-
25 section.

1 “(8) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in
2 this subsection is intended to amend, restrict, or
3 otherwise alter the authority of any Federal depart-
4 ment, agency, or instrumentality, under any law, to
5 undertake Great Lakes research activities.”.

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