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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. NATIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE RISK ANALYSIS.**

4 (a) PURPOSES.—The Secretary of Commerce, acting
5 through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and
6 Atmospheric Administration, shall establish a National
7 Coastal Data Information System to—

1 (1) combine existing observations, modeling,
2 predictions, products and services into an integrated
3 framework for producing and maintaining authori-
4 tative and timely data, maps, and information serv-
5 ices which quantify and communicate coastal flood
6 risk to the States;

7 (2) develop and strengthen partnerships with
8 organizations that represent end users within coastal
9 communities, including other Federal agencies, to
10 better assess information gaps and needs relating to
11 the risk posed by the rising sea level; and

12 (3) produce new information products and serv-
13 ices, targeted to end-user needs, that allow coastal
14 communities across the United States to plan for
15 present and future coastal flood risk.

16 (b) REPORT.—The Administrator shall, not less than
17 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every
18 3 years thereafter, provide the Committee on Natural Re-
19 sources of the House of Representatives with a report con-
20 taining holistic analysis of the need to expand observa-
21 tions, modeling, predictions, products, and services to—

22 (1) improve the understanding of changing
23 coastal flood risk, including the impacts of sea level
24 rise; and

- 1 (2) track and report how observed rates of sea
- 2 level rise compare to the sea level rise predictions
- 3 published within the National Climate Assessments.

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