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H. R. 5832

To direct the Secretary of the Army and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue regulations and submit a report to Congress on cost-benefit ratios, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. BRINDISI, and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Safer Harbors for Our
5 Recreation Economy Act” or the “SHORE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECREATION-BASED BENEFITS AND COSTS REGU-**
2 **LATIONS.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Secretary of the Army and the Director
5 of the Office of Management and Budget shall issue such
6 regulations as are necessary to account for recreation-
7 based benefits and costs (including local and regional eco-
8 nomic benefits) in the benefit-cost analysis procedures of
9 such entities for harbor maintenance, intracoastal water-
10 ways, and inland waterways projects.

11 **SEC. 3. BENEFIT-COST PROCEDURE REPORT.**

12 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary of the Army and the Director
14 of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to
15 Congress a report containing—

16 (1) an examination of the procedure for harbor
17 maintenance projects of the Office of Management
18 and Budget and the Corps of Engineers for includ-
19 ing or not including recreation-based benefits and
20 costs (including local and regional economic benefits)
21 in the benefit-cost procedures of the such entities;

22 (2) a review of the calculation of economic ben-
23 efits used in a benefit-cost calculation, by district,
24 for a non-commercial harbor that is used for rec-
25 reational purposes; and

1 (3) recommendations and guidance on the cre-
2 ation of a uniform recreation-based economic benefit
3 calculation to improve the comprehensive benefit-
4 cost analysis procedures of the Office of Manage-
5 ment and Budget and the Corps of Engineers.

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