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H.R. 7776 as passed by Senate	H.R. 7776 as passed by House
<p>Sec. 101: Scope of Feasibility Studies: Directs the Corps, at the request of the non-federal sponsor, to include a “holistic evaluation of the isolated and compound effects” of nine factors in all flood risk management studies</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>Sec. 102. Shoreline & riverbank protection & restoration: This section declares that the protection and restoration of shorelines, riverbanks and streambanks of the U.S. from the damaging impacts of extreme weather and other events is a Corps mission. It reduces the non-federal cost share of such projects for disadvantaged communities to 10 percent from 35-50 percent. It also provides authority for the Corps to periodically maintain ecosystem restoration projects which generally are now maintained at 100% non-federal expense.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 101. Federal Breakwaters & Jetties: Directs the Corps to repair jetties and breakwaters to dimensions that increase protection over the life of the project. Classifies this as routine maintenance.</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 109. Technical Assistance: Increases the funding authorized for technical assistance under PAS from \$15 million to \$30 million and authorizes the Corps to waive the non-federal costs here for economically disadvantaged communities.</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 104. Tidal River, Bay & Estuarine Flood Risk Reduction: Authorizes the Corps to consider tidal and inland flooding when studying coastal storm risk reduction projects.</p>
<p>Sec. 107. Floodplain Management Services: Among other provisions, this section urges the Corps to communicate to non-federal interests how FPMS can help address flood hazards. It also makes institutions of higher education eligible to partner with the Corps under this program.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>Sec. 109. Credit in Lieu of Reimbursement: Authorizes the Corps, at the request of the non-federal sponsor, to reduce the non-federal cost-share by applying a credit that sponsor has earned on a different project. Also expands the applicability of Sec 7007(d) of WRDA 2007.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>

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<p>Sec. 111. Advance Payment in Lieu of Reimbursement for Certain Federal Costs. Authorizes the Corps to advance to the non-federal interest the federal share of funds required to acquire land, easements and rights-of-way or relocations.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>Sec. 112. Use of Emergency Funds: Allows for PL 84-99 funds to be used to increase a hurricane damage or shore protection project’s resilience or effectiveness. Also has provisions allowing non-federal interests to advance funds for the federal share of repairs.</p>	<p>Sec. 102. Emergency Response to Disasters: Directs the Corps to repair a shore protection project or structure beyond its original design level to account for increases in projected wave action or storm surge.</p>
<p>Sec. 113. Research and Development: Authorizes the establishment of a Research and Development Account among many other related provisions.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>Sec. 114. Tribal and Economically Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee: Requires the establishment of such an Advisory Committee. All such committees are governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 106. National Coastal Mapping Study: Directs the Corps to study and map land changes and identify improved tools and practices for coastal mapping. Directs the use of North Carolina coastal, estuaries and other waters used as a demonstration pilot program. Creates a panel of Corps and other experts; etc.</p>
<p>Sec. 115. Non-Federal Interest Advisory Committee: Requires the establishment of such an Advisory Committee. The committee will provide the Corps with recommendations that ensure more effective and efficient delivery of water resources projects. It specifies the types of interests to be represented. All such committees are governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 108. Preliminary Analysis: At the request of the non-federal interest, prior to the beginning of a feasibility study, the Corps must conduct a 6-month, \$200,000 study (at federal cost) to identify the project scope, cost estimates, and potential project alternatives</p>

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<p>Sec. 120. Relocation Assistance: Authorizes the Corps to include temporary relocation benefits in the cost of a water resources development project using nonstructural measures such as elevating or modifying a primary residence.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>Sec. 123. Post-Disaster Repairs: It is the “sense of Congress” that, pending available funds, the Corps should make post-disaster repairs to or above project design levels if the original project is “outdated”.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 124. Beneficial Use of Dredged Material: Directs the Corps to prepare within 18 months a strategic plan that identifies opportunities and challenges related to maximizing the beneficial use of dredged material.</p>
<p>Sec. 126. Use of Federal Funds: Amends Sec. 2007 of WRDA 2007 to permit a non-federal sponsor to satisfy its share of the cost of a feasibility or Continuing Authorities Program study by using funds from another federal agency provided those funds were appropriated to that federal agency “for a purpose that is similar or complementary to the purpose of the study or project.” Currently the Corps doesn’t accept other federal funds as a match unless the other agency first determines that the use is authorized.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>No comparable provision</p>	<p>Sec. 129. Civil Works Research, Development, Evaluation & Testing: This section includes various provisions to expand the Corps capabilities to support its missions and authorities including demonstration projects and coordination with other entities. Includes a sense of Congress that the Corps should prioritize natural and nature-based features, water supply, and reservoirs.</p>
<p>Sec. 130. Regional Dredge Pilot Program for Inland Waterways: Authorizes a 10-year pilot program to award dredging contracts for up to 5 years <u>on inland waterways</u>.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>
<p>Sec. 135: Small, Remote and Subsistence Harbors: Requires the Corps to develop criteria for ranking the maintenance dredging of these harbors.</p>	<p>No comparable provision</p>

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Sec. 139: Dredged Material Management Plans: Directs the Corps to expedite prepared of these plans at federally authorized harbors <u>in Ohio</u> .	No comparable provision
Sec. 142. Continuation of Construction: This section allows projects incurring costs between the passage of WRDA22 and 9/30/25 to not be subject to 902(b) cost limits.	No comparable provision
Sec. 201. Authorization of Feasibility Studies: Authorizes new studies including Maui, Hawaii; South Shore, Long Island, New York; Waikiki Beach, Hawaii; Cumberland and Sea Islands, Georgia; and Hawaii County, Hawaii. Also authorizes studies for modifications to nine existing projects.	Sec. 201. Authorization of Feasibility Studies: Authorizes new studies including Duval County, FL; Longboat Key, FL; Stratford, CT; Tybee Island, GA; Waikiki, HI; Hull, MA; Revere, MA and 8 project modifications.
Sec. 202. Special Rules: Establishes special rules for certain of the studies mentioned in Sec. 201.	No comparable provision
Sec. 203. Expedited Completion: Directs the Corps to expedite completion of 25 feasibility studies, and other provisions.	Sec. 202. Expedited Completion: : Directs the Corps to expedite completion of 15 feasibility studies, and post-authorization change reports.
Sec. 204. Studies for Periodic Nourishment: Allows federal fiscal participation in the periodic nourishment of beach nourishment projects to be extended up to 50 years, subject to certain limitations. Currently the extension is for 15 years.	Sec. 203. Expedited Modifications of Existing Feasibility Studies: Makes modifications to three ongoing studies.
Sec. 205. NEPA Reporting: Requires the Corps to track and provide an annual report to Congress on timeframes for completing NEPA reviews of water resources development projects.	No comparable provision
Sec. 206. GAO Audit: Requires the GAO to report on the factors leading to water resources development projects that are over budget or behind schedule.	No comparable provision
No comparable provision	Sec. 206. Report and Recommendations on Dredge Capacity: Requires such a report within 2 years with details specified in the section. States sense of Congress that the Corps should add additional dredging capacity of its own.
Sec. 207. GAO Study of Project Distribution: Requires GAO to report on the geographic distribution of annual and supplemental funding of water resources development projects over the past 10 fiscal years.	No comparable provision

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No comparable provision	Sec. 207. Maintenance Dredging Data. Requires the Corps maintenance dredging database to include data about the costs of disposal of dredged material.
Sec. 301. Additional Assistance for Critical Projects: Makes modifications to several previously authorized projects, primarily allowing additional federal appropriations to them. This includes environmental infrastructure projects.	Sec. 346: Additional Assistance for Critical Projects: Makes modifications to existing authorities for several existing environmental infrastructure and environmental restoration projects
No comparable provision	Sec. 113. Report on Easements: Directs the Corps to review its policies regarding easements required for flood risk management and environmental restoration projects and report to Congress in 1 year.
Sec. 305. Special Rules for Certain Beach Nourishment Projects: For named projects, directs the Corps to fund the incremental increase in project cost that “results from a legal requirement to use a borrow source” other than the least cost option.	No comparable provision
Sec. 306. Coastal Community Flood Control: Permits Louisiana to repay the remaining balance of a specific project through the provision of mitigation activities for coastal water resources projects in the area.	No comparable provision
No comparable provision	Sec. 230. GAO Studies on Mitigation: Requires the General Accountability Office to study on activities to mitigate fish and wildlife losses resulting from authorized water resources development projects. Includes additional provisions for the GAO report.
Sec. 309. Delaware Shore Protection and Restoration. Modifies the Delaware Dredged Material Utilization project and the Indian River Sand Bypass Plant.	No comparable provision
No comparable provision	Sec. 301. Project Deauthorizations: Provides a new procedure and timeline for the deauthorization of projects not yet initiated or funded.
No comparable provision	Sec. 302. Watershed & River Basin Studies: Adds sea level rise and coastal storm damage reduction among other purposes to the scope of Section 729 Watershed Assessments and adds three new such assessments.

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Sec. 314. Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection Program: Adds protection of eroding streambanks, wastewater treatment, and stormwater and drainage systems as eligible projects.	No comparable provision
No Comparable provision	Sec. 306. Project Reauthorizations: Authorizes four projects that had previously been deauthorized.
Sec. 319. Colleton County, South Carolina: Allows construction done by non-federal interests before enactment of WRDA 2022 to be eligible for in-kind credit.	No comparable provision
No comparable provision	Sec. 314. San Francisco Bay, CA: changes “ocean shoreline” to “bay and ocean shoreline” as included within the scope of this study and directs the Corps not to differentiate between damages related to high tide flooding and coastal storm flooding for purposes of determining the federal interest.
No comparable provision	Sec. 320. Chicago Shoreline: Directs the federal cost share of the locally preferred plan to be 65%.
Sec. 331. Hudson-Raritan Estuary, New Jersey: Modifies existing authority for this project to allow the Corps to study ecosystem restoration in New York and New Jersey as part of this project.	No comparable provision
See Bill Text for Sec. 301 of this bill for Environmental Infrastructure Projects	Sec. 345. Environmental Infrastructure: Authorizes many new EI projects and makes some project modifications
Sec. 345. North Padre Island, Texas: Clarifies that the ecosystem restoration project for this area is not eligible for Corps disaster assistance.	No comparable provision
Sec. 401. Project Authorizations: Authorizes several projects for construction including Okaloosa County, FL; Folly Beach, SC; Pinellas County, FL; South Shore Staten Island, NY, Upper Barataria, LA, and Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration, TX; among many others.	Sec. 401. Project Authorizations: Authorizes 16 new projects and makes modifications to previously authorized projects.
Sec. 402. Alaska: Authorizes a comprehensive project for storm damage prevention and coastal erosion in Alaska with special cost-sharing provisions.	No comparable provision
Sec. 403. Expedited Completion of Projects: Directs the Corps to expedite completion of 24 projects.	No comparable provision

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Sec. 404. Special Rules: Includes various rules that apply to the Camp Ellis, ME shore protection project named in Sec. 403, including periodic renourishment and other changes.	No comparable provision

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