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Bill Number	Description	Primary sponsor/author	Status
H.R. 123 (Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act)	Establish EPA program to promote water-efficient products, buildings and landscapes, and services to reduce water use and preserve water resources	U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (N.J)	Referred to Readiness Subcommittee
H.R. 163 and S. 23 (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act)	Designate land and inland water within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore as wilderness and as component of National Wilderness Preservation System	U.S. Rep. Dan Benishek (Mich.) and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (Mich.)	S. 23 signed into law
H.R. 335 and S. 218 (RAMP Act)	Guarantee that funds collected on imports at U.S. ports by Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for dredging, maintaining waterways	U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany (La.) and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (Mich.)	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 358 and S. 125 (Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act)	Require multiagency federal effort to slow spread of Asian carp in Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins	U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum and (Minn.) U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (Ohio)	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 600 (Great Lakes Nutrient Removal Assistance Act)	Amend Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to states in Great Lakes System	U.S. Rep. Brian Higgins (N.Y.)	Referred to Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
H.R. 709 and S. 365 (Upper Mississippi CARP Act)	Authorize Army Corps to take actions to manage threat of Asian carp traveling up Mississippi River in Minnesota	U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison (Minn.) and U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (Minn.)	Referred to respective committees

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H.R. 764 (Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act)	Provide assistance for states, including those in Great Lakes, in planning to adapt for climate change's impact in coastal areas, including water levels	U.S. Rep. Lois Capps (Calif.)	Referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs
H.R. 924 and S. 401 (Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act)	Provide tax credit for offshore development of wind power, including on Great Lakes	U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell (N.J.)	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 985 (Asian Carp Prevention Act)	Authorize the Army Corps to prevent spread of Asian carp by installing electric, acoustic, air bubble, and other barriers; applying pesticides; improving locks; and taking actions at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois	U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (Mich.)	Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment
H.R. 996 and S. 1153 (Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act)	Require establishment of an invasive species listing screening process based on risk determination and assessment; provide temporary emergency authority to prevent introduction of invasive species	U.S. Rep. Louise Slaughter (N.Y.) and U.S. Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.)	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 1185 and S. 571 (Great Lakes Protection Act)	Prevent water treatment facilities from dumping sewage into Great Lakes; require public notification of discharges; and establish Great Lakes cleanup fund financed by violations of Clean Water Act	U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren (Ill.) and U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk (Ill.)	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 1382 (Digital Coast Act)	Develop comprehensive national mapping effort that provides digital and geospatially-enabled view of nation's coastline, including Great Lakes	U.S. Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger (Md.)	Referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs
H.R. 1647 (Great Lakes Assurance Program Verification Act)	Establish a Great Lakes basin initiative for agricultural non-point source pollution prevention; gives funding priority to producers that participate in a state verification program	U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (Mich.)	Referred to Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry
H.R. 1837 (Clean Water Protection Act)	Prevent industrial mining waste from entering the water supply	U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone (N.J.)	Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 1877 (Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act)	Invest in State Revolving Fund; establish new direct loan and loan guarantee programs and a Clean Water Infrastructure Trust Fund	U.S. Rep. Timothy Bishop	Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 2208 and S. 741 (North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act)	Amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to extend through FY2017 authorization of appropriations for wetlands conservation projects	U.S. Rep. Robert Wittman (Va.) and U.S. Sen. David Vitter (La.)	HR 2208 reported out of committee; S 741 placed on Senate Legislative Calendar

Bill Number	Description	Primary sponsor/author	Status
H.R. 2273 (Great Lakes Navigation System Sustainability Act)	Establish a single, Great Lakes navigation system for budgeting purposes; reduce the harbor maintenance backlog; establish a new cost-share program	U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (Mich.)	Referred to Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
H.R. 2601 (Beach Act)	Provide grants to states and local governments to develop water quality and monitoring programs for public beaches in FY 2014-FY 2018	U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone (N.J.)	Referred to Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
H.R. 2609 (Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act)	Fund measures to prevent spread of aquatic invasive species to Great Lakes via hydraulic connection with Mississippi River	U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (N.J.)	Included in H.R. 3547 , which was signed into law
H.R. 2642 (Agricultural Act of 2014)	Creates new Regional Conservation Partnership Program for work that includes work on soil and erosion control in Great Lakes basin	U.S. Frank Lucas (Okla.)	Signed into law
H.R. 2773/S. 1232 (Great Lake Ecological and Economic Protection Act)	Formally authorize Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (funded at \$475 million a year), reauthorize Great Lakes Legacy Act and establish interagency task force on Great Lakes	U.S. Rep. David Joyce (Ohio) and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 3080 and S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act)	Provisions include 1) modifying appropriation of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, with guarantee of more money allocated to harbor maintenance and Great Lakes projects, 2) creating a pilot financing program to provide additional resources for infrastructure projects; 3) authorizing the Army Corps of Engineers to take actions to prevent spread of aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes; and 4) funding assistance for states to control Asian carp in upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins	U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster (Penn.) and U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (Calif.)	HR 3080 signed into law
H.R. 3449 and S. 1677 (Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act)	Provide competitive grants for creation of centers of excellence in stormwater infrastructure that develop new techniques to protect or improve water quality	U.S. Rep. Donna Edwards (Md.) and U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (N.M.)	Referred to respective committees
H.R. 3464 (Commercial Vessel Discharges Reform Act)	Prohibit a permit from being required under the Clean Water Act for a discharge incidental to the normal operation of fishing vessels less than 79 feet in length	Prohibit a permit from being required under the Clean Water Act for a discharge incidental to the normal operation of fishing vessels less than 79 feet in length	Referred to Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee

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H.R. 3547 (Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014)	Federal omnibus spending bill for FY 2014 that includes funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (\$300 million), Clean Water State Revolving Fund (\$1.4 billion) and other Great Lakes-related programs	U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith (Texas)	Signed into law
H.R. 3582 (Water Trust Fund Act)	Create fund to help states replace, repair or upgrade critical wastewater treatment facilities	U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (Ore.)	Referred to Environment Subcommittee
H.R. 4001 (Defending Against Invasive Species Act)	Authorize U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to carry out projects necessary to separate hydrologic connection between Great Lakes, Mississippi River basins to prevent transfer of aquatic invasive species	U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (Mich.)	Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 4005 (Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act)	Includes provisions to develop National Maritime Strategy and to exempt certain vessels from EPA permits on discharges (not including ballast water discharges)	U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter (Calif.)	Reported out of Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
H.R. 4024 (Ensuring Access to Clean Water Act)	Require oversight and inspection of chemical storage facilities and aboveground storage tanks	U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (W. Va.)	Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
H.R. 4114 and S. 2227 (Water Efficiency Improvement Act)	Provide individuals and businesses with a \$2,000 tax credit for purchasing water-efficient products	U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (Calif.) and U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (N.M.)	Referred to respective committees
HR 5363/S. 2771 (Water in the 21 st Century Act)	Provide new incentives for local communities and businesses to conserve, manage and recycle water	U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano (Calif.) and U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (Calif.)	Referred to respective committees
HR 5439/S 2785	Direct EPA to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water	U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (Ohio) and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (Ohio)	S 2785 passed by the Senate
HR 5456/S 2798 (Great Lakes and Fresh Water Algal Bloom Information Act)	Create an electronic database of research and information on the causes of, and corrective actions being taken with regard to, algal blooms in Great Lakes, their tributaries, and other surface fresh waters	U.S. Rep. Robert Latta (Ohio)	Referred to respective committees
HR 5516 (Protecting Our Great Lakes Act)	Prohibit the discharge of dredged material into the Great Lakes	U.S. Rep. Robert Latta (Ohio)	Referred to Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
HR 5713 (Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Assessment Act)	Require assessment of cultural and historic resources in the Great Lakes	U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (Ohio)	Referred to Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs Committee

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HR 5534 (The Assistance, Quality and Affordability Act)	Reauthorize and increase funding for the drinking water state revolving fund; require study of presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in sources of drinking water	U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko	Referred to Environment and Economy Subcommittee
HR 5764	Formally authorize the Great Lakes Restoration; provide \$300 million in funds to the initiative every year between FY 2015 and FY 2019	U.S. Rep. David Joyce (Ohio)	Passed by the U.S. House
HR 5826	Reauthorize sewer overflow control grants program	U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell (N.J.)	Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
HR 5861/S 3002 (Guarding Our Great Lakes Act)	Control movement of aquatic invasive species between Great Lakes, Mississippi River basins by requiring new control measures (including electric barriers) at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam	U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (Mich.) and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Mich.)	Referred to respective committees
S. 335 (Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act)	Provide financing assistance, including direct loans and loan guarantees, for qualified water infrastructure projects	U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (Ore.)	Referred to Environment and Public Works Committee
S. 396 (Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act)	Require publicly owned water treatment facilities to alert public of sewage overflows and report overflows to state or EPA	U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (N.J.)	Referred to Environment and Public Works Committee
S. 646 (National Endowment for the Oceans)	Provide grant funding to protect, restore, maintain or understand living marine resources and habitat, including in Great Lakes	U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I.)	Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 970 (Water Resources Research Amendments Act)	Authorize additional research to increase efficiency of new and existing treatment works	U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (Md.)	Reported out of Environment and Public Works Committee
S. 1245 (Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act)	Includes provision to fund measures to prevent spread of aquatic invasive species to Great Lakes via hydraulic connection with Mississippi River	U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (Calif.)	Included in H.R. 3547, which was signed into law
S. 1254 (Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act)	Includes provision requiring study to examine causes, consequences of harmful algal blooms in Great Lakes; plan to reduce hypoxia in Great Lakes also required	U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (Fla.)	Signed into law
S. 1372 (Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act)	Includes funding for Great Lakes Fishery Commission and International Joint Commission	U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy (Vt.)	See HR 3547 (signed into law)

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S. 1509 (Maritime Goods Movement Act)	Replace Harbor Maintenance Tax with new user fee to fund port operations and maintenance to prevent shippers from avoiding tax by using ports in Canada and Mexico	U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (Wash.)	Referred to Committee on Finance
S. 1528 (National Mercury Monitoring Act)	Create a comprehensive new program to measure mercury levels across the United States, including U.S. watersheds	U.S. Sen. Susan Collins (Maine)	Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 1961 (Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act)	Require regular EPA or state inspections of all above-ground chemical storage tanks and more-frequent inspections of tanks located near drinking water sources	U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (W.Va.)	Reported out of Environment and Public Works Committee
S 2094 (Vessel Incidental Discharge Act)	Require U.S. Coast Guard to establish and implement uniform national standards for regulation of vessel discharges, including ballast water; make these standards the exclusive federal regulation of discharges (no rules/regulations from EPA, for example); forbid states from having their own regulations on vessel discharges	U.S. Sen. Mark Begich (Alaska)	Reported out of Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
S. 2225/HR 5149 (Smart Water Resource Management Conservation and Efficiency Act)	Fund smart water-system pilot projects that aim to conserve water (modeled after smart grid for electricity)	U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (N.M.) and U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (Calif.)	Referred to respective committees
S. 2226/HR 5150 (WaterSense Efficiency, Conservation, and Adaptation Act)	Provide water and sewer utilities with grants to improve water supply management, efficiency and encourage reuse	U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (N.M.) and U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (Calif.)	Referred to respective committees
S. 2902 (Microbead-Free Waters Act)	prohibit the sale or distribution of certain cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads	U.S. Kirsten Gillibrand	Referred to Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee
H. Res. 716/ S. Res. 565	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Canadian government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin	U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee (Mich.) and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (Mich.)	Referred to respective committees