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# H. R. 1491

To authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2013

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. SCHRAMMER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. FARR, Mr. HONDA, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. CHU, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. CAPPs, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. KILMER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. HECK of Washington, and Ms. DELBENE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
3 sion of law, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and  
4 Atmospheric Administration may provide funds to an eligi-  
5 ble entity impacted by the covered marine debris event to  
6 assist such entity with the costs of any activity previously  
7 carried out, being carried out, or to be carried out to ad-  
8 dress the effects of such event.

9 (b) FUNDING.—The Administrator may provide  
10 funds under subsection (a) using any funds provided by  
11 the Government of Japan for activities to address the ef-  
12 fects of the covered marine debris event.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
14 nitions apply:

15 (1) COVERED MARINE DEBRIS EVENT.—The  
16 term “covered marine debris event” means the  
17 events, including marine debris, resulting from the  
18 March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsu-  
19 nami.

20 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
21 ty” means any State, local, or tribal government.

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