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# H. R. 8563

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2020

Mr. LONG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, acting  
5 through the Chief of Engineers, shall conduct a study to  
6 determine the costs for the Corps of Engineers to—

1           (1) include public safety as a condition for au-  
2           thorizing a proposed project activity under Nation-  
3           wide Permit 14; and

4           (2) inspect an authorized project activity after  
5           construction to ensure that such project activity is  
6           maintained in compliance with all conditions related  
7           to public safety under Nationwide Permit 14.

8           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
9           of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
10          the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
11          the House of Representatives and the Committee on Envi-  
12          ronment and Public Works of the Senate a report con-  
13          taining the results of the study conducted under sub-  
14          section (a).

15          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16               (1) NATIONWIDE PERMIT 14.—The term “Na-  
17               tionwide Permit 14” means the nationwide permit,  
18               relating to linear transportation projects, issued pur-  
19               suant to section 10 of the Act of March 3, 1899 (33  
20               U.S.C. 403) and section 404 of the Federal Water  
21               Pollution Control Act.

22               (2) PROJECT ACTIVITY.—The term “project ac-  
23               tivity” means an activity for which a permittee is re-

- 1       quired to submit a pre-construction notification
- 2       under Nationwide Permit 14.

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