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# S. 1162

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2013

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5       sion of law, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and  
6       Atmospheric Administration may provide funds to an eligi-  
7       ble entity impacted by the covered marine debris event to

1 assist such entity with the costs of any activity previously  
2 carried out, being carried out, or to be carried out to ad-  
3 dress the effects of such event.

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

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

10 (1) COVERED MARINE DEBRIS EVENT.—The  
11 term “covered marine debris event” means the  
12 events, including marine debris, resulting from the  
13 March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsu-  
14 nami.

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

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