

# LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

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# AB 2218 (Kalra) – Tribal Consultations

- Requires agencies to address inequities in tribal water through financial assistance, consultation, protection of tribal water uses, and incorporation of indigenous knowledge
- Applies to water-related plans, policies, & permits
- Key terms are undefined
- 250 permits – 100 letters mailed for each

# FEDERAL LEGISLATION

# Coastal States Organization Supported Legislation

| Bill #         | Title                                                                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HR 583/S 508   | BEACH Act of 2025 Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2025 |
| HR 1808        | Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2025                                    |
| HR 2786        | Resilient Coasts and Estuaries Act of 2025                                        |
| HR 3161        | Preventing Environmental Hazards Act of 2025                                      |
| HR 4256/S 2245 | Digital Coast Reauthorization Act of 2025                                         |

# SHIPS for America Act (HR3151/S1536/1541)

- Comprehensive plan to revitalize the U.S. Merchant Marine
- Establishes national oversight and consistent funding for U.S. maritime policy
- Expands recruitment, training, and retention for mariners and shipyard workers
- Creates a United States Vessel Investment tax credit and “maritime prosperity zones”

# Abandoned Vessel Prevention Act (HR2500/9899)

- Holds sellers responsible for cleanup and damage costs of abandoned and sunken vessels when commercial or formerly commercial vessels are sold for recreational use
- Seller liability applies if the vessel later sinks after the sale (up to 12 months)
- Exceptions include:
  - Buyer has appropriate insurance
  - Vessel is under 35 feet
  - Vessel is under 40 years old

# ADAPT Assets Act (HR8653)

- Provides \$2 billion annually for 10 large-scale critical infrastructure projects
- Up to \$10 billion total
- Provides a national model for delivering large-scale disaster resilience infrastructure projects

# QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK