

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 3 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, Boquist
Nays: 0
Exc.: President Courtney
Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges President of United States and Congress to support full funding of United States Coast Guard operational readiness and recapitalization requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The United States Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Founded by Alexander Hamilton as the Revenue Cutter Service in 1790, the Coast Guard safeguards the country's maritime interests and the environment around the world. Today, the Coast Guard has nearly 42,000 men and women on active duty. According to the U.S. Coast Guard website, on an average day, the Coast Guard saves 12 lives, responds to 64 search and rescue cases, keeps 842 pounds of cocaine off the streets, services 116 buoys, screens 720 commercial vessels and 183,000 crew and passengers, issues 173 credentials to merchant mariners, investigates 13 marine accidents, inspects 68 containers, inspects 29 vessels for compliance with air emissions standards, performs 28 safety and environmental examinations of foreign vessels, boards 13 fishing boats to ensure compliance with fisheries laws, and responds to and investigates 10 pollution incidents. The Coast Guard motto is "*Semper Paratus*" or "Always Ready."