

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 144

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 144.

This concurrent resolution would commend the Rutgers University Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory (RU COOL) for its contributions to ocean research, data collection, technology, and forecasting.

The laboratory, part of the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences at Rutgers University, was established in 1992 and focuses on understanding the bio-physical processes of the coastal oceans and their impacts on human society. Among its many activities, RU COOL helps investigate water quality problems in the State, provides data to the U.S. Coast Guard and to national and international ocean observation systems, and develops new technologies in ocean observation. These activities enhance water safety and storm response, assist search and rescue operations, aid New Jersey recreational and commercial fisheries, enhance the efficiency, security, and resiliency of the maritime transportation network, and facilitate the development of renewable energy technologies.