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H. R. 2593

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. RAHALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cost-Benefit and Reg-
5 ulatory Transparency Enhancement Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. COST-BENEFIT AND REGULATORY IMPACT REPORT**
2 **REQUIREMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
4 completion by an agency of any cost-benefit or regulatory
5 impact analysis used to promulgate rules or guidelines or
6 to determine administrative actions, the head of the agen-
7 cy, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Man-
8 agement and Budget—

9 (1) shall submit to the relevant committees of
10 the House of Representatives and the Senate a re-
11 port on the result of and methods (including any key
12 method) used to calculate the cost-benefit or regu-
13 latory impact analysis; and

14 (2) shall publish such report in the Federal
15 Register.

16 (b) INTERIM PERIOD.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any cost-benefit or regu-
18 latory impact analysis that is the subject of a report
19 submitted pursuant to subsection (a) may not be fi-
20 nalized during the 60-day period starting on the
21 date of submission of the report.

22 (2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The head of the
23 agency concerned may waive the 60-day period de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1) in an emergency situation.

25 (c) VALUATION OF BENEFITS.—During the 60-day
26 period described in subsection (b)(1), the potential bene-

1 fits of each cost-benefit or regulatory impact analysis shall
2 be appropriately informed through the following:

3 (1) An opportunity for public comment on the
4 results of the cost-benefit or regulatory impact anal-
5 ysis.

6 (2) Agency consideration of public comments.

7 (3) A summary of public comments and agency
8 responses in the Federal Register.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
11 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
12 United States Code, except that the term does not
13 include an independent regulatory agency as defined
14 by section 3502(5) of title 44, United States Code.

15 (2) KEY METHOD.—The term “key method” in-
16 cludes any method that determines the social cost of
17 carbon.

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