

# Union Calendar No. 550

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7686

**[Report No. 118–653]**

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California (for himself and Ms. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 15, 2024]

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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. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN**  
4 **COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOR-**  
5 **EIGN TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

6 *Paragraph (4) of section 10638 of title VI of division*  
7 *B of the Research and Development, Competition, and In-*  
8 *novation Act is amended—*

9 *(1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign coun-*  
10 *try” each place such term appears;*

11 *(2) by striking “means—” and all that follows*  
12 *through “any program, position, or activity” and in-*  
13 *serting “means any program, position, or activity”;*

14 *(3) by striking subparagraph (B);*

15 *(4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as*  
16 *subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and mov-*  
17 *ing such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two ems*  
18 *to the left;*

19 *(5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), as*  
20 *so redesignated, by striking “directly provided” and*  
21 *inserting “whether directly or indirectly provided”;*  
22 *and*

23 *(6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by*  
24 *striking “; and” and inserting a period.*

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