

Union Calendar No. 502

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2768

[Report No. 119-582]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2025

Mr. FLEISCHMANN (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mrs. MCBATH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 2, 2026

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 April 9, 2025]

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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 “Benton MacKaye Na-*
5 *tional Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2026”.*

6 **SEC. 2. BENTON MACKAYE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FEASI-**
7 **BILITY STUDY.**

8 *Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16*
9 *U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
10 *lowing:*

11 *“(50) BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL.—*

12 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Benton MacKaye*
13 *Trail, a scenic, nonmotorized trail that traverses*
14 *approximately 287 miles in the States of Geor-*
15 *gia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.*

16 *“(B) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after*
17 *the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the*
18 *Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with*
19 *interested organizations, including the Benton*
20 *MacKaye Trail Association, shall complete and*
21 *submit to Congress the feasibility study for desig-*
22 *inating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national*
23 *scenic trail.”.*

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