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# H. R. 3657

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mr. FULCHER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Hydropower Reli-  
5       censing Transparency Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ANNUAL RELICENSING STATUS REPORT.**

7       Section 15 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 808)  
8       is amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(g)(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of en-  
2       actment of this subsection, and annually thereafter, the  
3       Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the sta-  
4       tus of the licensing process for each new license for which  
5       an existing licensee has notified the Commission under  
6       subsection (b)(1) at least 3 years prior to submission of  
7       the report that such licensee intends to file an application  
8       for such new license, but such new license has not yet been  
9       issued under this section.

10       “(2) Each report submitted under paragraph (1)  
11       shall include, with respect to the licensing process for each  
12       new license described in such paragraph—

13               “(A) the date notice was provided to the Com-  
14       mission under subsection (b)(1);

15               “(B) any docket number assigned with respect  
16       to such licensing process;

17               “(C) whether any application for a new license  
18       has been filed;

19               “(D) information regarding the status of any  
20       such application, including the date the Commission  
21       anticipates it will issue the new license;

22               “(E) any upcoming proceeding or other meeting  
23       related to such new license; and

24               “(F) any ongoing or completed actions required  
25       of the existing licensee, the Commission, the fish and

- 1 wildlife agencies referred to in subsection (b) of this
- 2 section, and any other agencies.”.

