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H. R. 7254

To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bay Area Ridge National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SIMON, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that the Bay Area Ridge Trail—

5 (1) is a scenic nonmotorized multi-use trail that
6 extends approximately 550 miles;

1 (2) consists of approximately 415 completed
2 miles and another approximately 140 miles of the
3 route are yet-to-be completed;

4 (3) is located near the urban areas of the Na-
5 tion, and allows people access to the scenic ridgelines
6 of the Bay Area;

7 (4) provides maximum outdoor recreation po-
8 tential to a large diverse population and many year-
9 round visitors to the Bay Area;

10 (5) provides for the enjoyment of nationally sig-
11 nificant scenic, historic, and cultural qualities in-
12 cluding the Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate National
13 Recreation Area, State and local parks, among oth-
14 ers;

15 (6) passes through a diversity of environments,
16 including marsh, grassland, mountain, canyon, riv-
17 ers, and forests;

18 (7) includes landforms that exhibit significant
19 characteristics, including the Golden Gate Bridge,
20 the San Andreas fault, volcanic areas, geologic for-
21 mations, and wetlands; and

22 (8) connects with side trails and regional con-
23 nector trails such as the Bay Trail, Vine Trail, and
24 Coyote Creek Trail, which provide additional public
25 access and connect to major population centers.

1 **SEC. 2. BAY AREA RIDGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FEASI-**
2 **BILITY STUDY.**

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

6 “(50) BAY AREA RIDGE NATIONAL SCENIC
7 TRAIL.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bay Area Ridge
9 National Scenic Trail, a multi-use trail extend-
10 ing approximately 550 miles along the
11 ridgelines of the hills and mountains sur-
12 rounding the San Francisco Bay Area in North-
13 ern California and connecting over 75 parks
14 and open spaces.

15 “(B) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after
16 the date of the enactment of this paragraph,
17 the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with
18 interested organizations, including the Bay
19 Area Ridge Trail Council, shall complete and
20 submit to Congress the feasibility study for des-
21 ignating the Bay Area Ridge Trail as a national
22 scenic trail.

23 “(C) CONSULTATION.—The study under
24 this paragraph shall be conducted in consulta-
25 tion with each Federal and State agency that

- 1 administers lands through which the trail de-
- 2 scribed in subparagraph (A) passes.”.

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