

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2631

To institute a reduction in force moratorium at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other
purposes.

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 “Saving NIST’s Work-
5 force Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN FORCE MORATORIUM AT NATIONAL**
2 **INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECH-**
3 **NOLOGY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that full-year ap-
5 propriations for the National Institute of Standards and
6 Technology for fiscal year 2026 have been enacted into
7 law, the National Institute of Standards and Technology
8 may not conduct any reduction in force pursuant to sec-
9 tions 3501 through 3504 and 3595 of title 5, United
10 States Code.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—For the purposes of carrying out
12 subsection (a), such subsection shall be in addition to any
13 other authority with respect to adverse personnel actions,
14 including chapter 75 of such title 5.

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