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Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1037]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to which was referred the bill (S. 1037) to provide for the establishment of a section of the website of the Department of Commerce that shall serve as the primary hub for information relating to Federal manufacturing programs, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) and recommends that the bill (as amended) do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this legislation is to establish a manufacturing.gov hub section on the Department of Commerce website and to enhance the website as a hub for U.S. manufacturers to connect with Federal programs related to manufacturing.

BACKGROUND AND NEEDS

The Advanced Manufacturing National Program Office of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) maintains a manufacturing.gov website that is meant to serve as a national advanced manufacturing portal. The website provides little information, however, to help U.S. manufacturers access the numerous Federal resources that support manufacturers and their workers. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has identified 58

Federal programs that are meant to benefit U.S. manufacturing,¹ but only a handful are listed on the manufacturing.gov website. Furthermore, the website does not offer a robust capability for the public to provide feedback about Federal manufacturing programs or issues facing U.S. manufacturers. Nor does it provide contact information for specific program offices that implement Federal manufacturing programs, which is essential to enabling U.S. manufacturers to connect with and benefit from these initiatives.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 1037 was introduced on March 25, 2021, by Senator Peters (for himself and Senators Rubio and Young) and was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate. On May 12, 2021, the Committee met in open Executive Session and, by voice vote, ordered S. 1037 reported favorably with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute with an amendment).

The Committee approved an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by Senator Peters that would require the Secretary of Commerce to provide contact information of relevant program offices carrying out Federal manufacturing programs, rather than contact information of relevant employees carrying out such programs. The Committee also approved an amendment by Senators Lee and Scott, which provided that no additional funds would be authorized to carry out the legislation.

ESTIMATED COSTS

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee provides the following cost estimate, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 27, 2021.

Hon. MARIA CANTWELL,
*Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM CHAIR: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 1037, the Manufacturing.gov Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is David Hughes.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

¹U.S. Government and Accountability Office, *U.S. Manufacturing: Federal Programs Reported Providing Support and Addressing Trends*, Mar. 27, 2017 (<https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-17-240.pdf>) (accessed June 17, 2021).

S. 1037, Manufacturing.gov Act			
As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on May 12, 2021			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 1037 would require the Department of Commerce to establish a section on its manufacturing.gov website that contains information about federal manufacturing programs. That new section would include contact information for relevant federal programs, an avenue for public feedback, and issue-area webpages.

CBO expects that the department would carry out most of the activities required under S. 1037 as part of its normal duties to update and maintain the manufacturing.gov website. Any additional costs would be insignificant and subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is David Hughes. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Because S. 1037 does not create any new programs, the legislation will have no additional regulatory impact, and will result in no additional reporting requirements. The legislation will have no further effect on the number or types of individuals and businesses regulated, the economic impact of such regulation, the personal privacy of affected individuals, or the paperwork required from such individuals and businesses.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

In compliance with paragraph 4(b) of rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee provides that no provisions contained in the bill, as reported, meet the definition of congressionally directed spending items under the rule.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Short title

This section would provide that the legislation may be cited as the “Manufacturing.gov Act”.

Section 2. Manufacturing.gov Hub

This section would require the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Commerce, to establish a “manufacturing.gov hub” through the existing manufacturing.gov website, which would serve as the primary hub for Federal manufacturing programs identified by GAO.² It would also require that the hub provide the contact information for relevant program offices carrying out such programs, and to offer an avenue for receiving public input and feedback regarding the website, Federal manufacturing programs, and challenges facing U.S. manufacturers. Additionally, this section would require that the hub contain web pages focused on relevant issues, such as trade and workforce development and training, and that the hub use machine learning to identify frequently asked questions and disseminate answers to them. This section also provides that no additional funds would be authorized to carry out this section.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee states that the bill as reported would make no change to existing law.



² Ibid.