TABLE 4—SUMMARY OF BURDEN CHANGES

Information collections	Number of respondents	Previous burden hours	New burden hours	Difference	Reasoning
CRSS	67	21,040	17,820	3,220	Increased efficiencies with more States participating in EDT and Robotic Process Automation (RPA)
NTS	0	0	0	0	Included with CRSS burden above
Non-sampled PJ Crash Count Special Study.	0	21,307	0	21,307	This special study is removed from the data collection.
PJ Frame Evaluation Special Study	1,300	333	347	14	Estimated number is increased to account for newly identified in-scope PJs during evaluation.
Total	1,367	42,680	18,167	24,513	

Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: $0.

There are no additional costs to respondents participating.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.)

Chou-Lin Chen,

Associate Administrator, National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request on Burden Related to the Election To Treat a Qualified Revocable Trust as Party of an Estate

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 18, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations to Andrés Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email at *pra.comments@irs.gov.* Please include, ''OMB Number: 1545–1881—Public Comment Request Notice'' in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: View the latest drafts of the tax forms related to the information collection listed in this notice at *https://www.irs.gov/draft-tax-forms.* Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, (202) 317–5746 or via email at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess its impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record and be viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Election To Treat a Qualified Revocable Trust as Party of an Estate.

OMB Number: 1545–1881.

Form Number(s): 8855.

Abstract: Form 8855 is used to make a section 645 election that allows a qualified revocable trust to be treated and taxed (for income tax purposes) as part of its related estate during the election period.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,500.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 5 Hrs., 38 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 87,420.

Dated: March 17, 2026.

Ronald J. Durbala,

Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Systems Research Scientific Merit Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to File.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to

renew the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Systems Research Scientific Merit Review Board for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Moragne, Committee Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), 811 Vermont Avenue, 4th floor, NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone (202) 714–1578; or email at *Jeffrey.Moragne@va.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee ACT, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to renew the Health Systems Research Scientific Merit Review Board (HSR or Board) for two (2) years from the filing date of the charter's renewal. The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure through recommendations the high quality and mission relevance of VA's HSR Program.

Also in pursuant to 41 C.F.R § 102–3.65, the Department of Veterans Affairs provides this written notice determination stating that the Board is in the public interest and found to be in accordance with the Federal Advisory Community Act (FACA), the FACA 2025 Final Rule, and current to the U.S. General Services Administration, Committee Management Secretariat guidance. The following factors below provide an overview of the Committee's operations and public interest intent.

Annual Budget—The overall operating costs for HSR is $1,450,000. All members receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Board. The expected costs are broken into:

(i) Federal personnel (based on full-time equivalent (FTE) usage basis) is 7.8 with other Federal internal costs being $1,360,000.

(ii) Proposed payments to Non-Federal Members are $90,000. There are up to 12 members on the Parent Committee and 12 Subcommittees with more than 500 consultant members who do not serve on the Parent Committee. Subcommittee members are recruited based on the number and the research focus of the applications received. Non-Federal members receive up to $300/day of service.

(iii) Reimbursable costs are $0.00 non-applicable for the Board.

This Committee does not have any dollar value of grants expected for the fiscal year.

Membership Selection—The Board is composed of members having training and expertise in a variety of scientific, technical and medical disciplines, including but not limited to health care and clinical management; behavioral, social, and cultural determinants of health; health, health care informatics; mental and behavioral health; health care system organization, design and delivery; research methods and models; post-acute and long-term care and aging; nursing research initiatives; public health and epidemiology; access to care; post-deployment care including traumatic brain injury; health equity and health disparities; rural health; women's health; complementary and integrative health; mobility, activity and function; implementation science; patient experience; community care and VA/non-VA care coordination; mobile and connected health and patient-reported outcomes; management of chronic pain; opioids and suicide prevention; health economics; genomics and precision medicine in clinical practice; patient safety; predictive analytic; health behavior change; operations research and health systems re-engineering; and the development of talented VA researchers. The HSR will represent the required subject matter expertise and technical skills along with Veterans of different eras and branches of service.

Existing Federal Advisory Committees—The following list of 27 VA advisory committees includes 18 that are statute (with an asterisk *) and 9 non-statutory committees.

(1) VA National Academic Affiliations Council
(* 2) Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials
(3) Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee
(* 4) Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation
(* 5) Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education
(* 6) Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards (Administratively Inactive)
(* 7) Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War
(* 8) Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee
(* 9) Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses
(10) Health Systems Research Service Merit Review Board
(* 11) Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans
(12) Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board
(* 13) Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans
(14) National Research Advisory Council
(* 15) Advisory Committee on U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States
(* 16) Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs
(* 17) Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans
(* 18) Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation
(19) Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board
(20) Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee
(* 21) Special Medical Advisory Group
(* 22) Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities
(* 23) Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs
(24) Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee
(* 25) Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board
(26) Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee
(* 27) Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

Justification—The review of research proposals requires highly specialized subject matter expertise and experience. Ensuring broad and appropriate expertise on the HSR is obtained by recruiting experts both from within and outside of the Federal Government.

Summary of Previous Committee Accomplishments—This FACA Scientific Merit Review Board (SMRB) reviews and evaluates approximately 400 health systems research proposals per year through its subcommittees. These evaluations have assisted VA Office of Research Development (ORD) in selecting the most meritorious research projects that will ultimately lead to improvements in Veteran health and healthcare, quality of life and participation in their lives and community. VA ORD funds approximately 20% of the proposals it receives. This SMRB needs to continue its activities so VA ORD can continue to benefit from expert evaluations when making funding decisions.

Why Committee is Essential—Health Systems Research provides advice on the fair and equitable selection of the

most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and for research program officials on program priorities and policies; ensures the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated research and development program; and advises on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance and the protection of human and animal subjects proposals. Peer review of research proposals by the external subject matter experts on this Board is a critical element of the VA's Research program. VA research is a statutory mandate under 38 U.S. Code § 7303, Public Law 117–328. VA Research priorities are further mandated by the Hannon Act (traumatic brain injury), the PACT Act (military toxic exposures and Gulf War Illness), the CARA act (Pain and opioid treatment), the Cleland Dole Act (Precision Oncology), and the MISSION and Elizabeth Dole Acts (community care). There is no other mechanism for VA to get this expert advice.

In conclusion, this Notice of Intent states that this renewing Board is in the public interest, essential to the conduct of agency business and that the information provided is not available through any other advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

Dated: March 16, 2026.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to File.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to renew the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Moragne, Committee Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), 811 Vermont Avenue, 4th floor, NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone (202) 714–1578; or email at *Jeffrey.Moragne@va.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee ACT, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to renew the Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee (CSSEC or Committee) for two (2) years from the filing date of the charter's renewal. The purpose of the Committee is to review proposed and ongoing cooperative studies and multi-site clinical research activities (including clinical trials, epidemiological studies, and related efforts) and advises VA on scientific merit, feasibility, the adequacy of the plan of investigation, related activities and requested resources, technical details including the involvement of human subjects, and mission relevance. The Committee further evaluates and discusses written materials supplied by the proponents of each project as part of its review.

Also in pursuant to 41 CFR § 102–3.65, the Department of Veterans Affairs provides this written notice determination stating that the CSSEC is in the public interest and found to be in accordance with the Federal Advisory Community Act (FACA), the FACA 2025 Final Rule, and current to the U.S. General Services Administration, Committee Management Secretariat guidance. The following factors below provide an overview of the Committee's operations and public interest intent.

Annual Budget—The overall operating costs for the Committee is $35,000. All members receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Committee. The expected costs are broken into:

(i) Federal personnel (based on full-time equivalent (FTE) usage basis) is 0.1 with other Federal internal costs being $14,850.

(ii) Proposed payments to Non-Federal Members is $2,500. Payments to Federal Members are $7,250 and to consultants is $900. The Committee is composed of up to 12 members who may be Regular Government Employees or Special Government Employees.

(iii) Reimbursable costs equate to travel reimbursement for Non-Federal Members is $2,500, for Federal Members is $4,500 and for Federal Staff is $2,500.

This Committee does not have any dollar value of grants expected for the fiscal year.

Membership Selection—The Committee is composed of members having experience and expertise in major medical specialties and disciplines, including biostatistics and epidemiology, and selected based on professional expertise and achievement in clinical research. Committee membership represents and considers the required technical skills in VA positions or other Federal positions, along with diverse geographical backgrounds and Veterans of different eras and branches to the extent possible. The Cooperative Studies Program (CSP) staff also submits recommendations to the VA Chief Research and Development Officer (CRADO) for nominees to be considered for appointments at CSSEC.

Existing Federal Advisory Committees—The following list of 27 VA advisory committees includes 18 that are statute (with an asterisk *) and 9 non-statutory committees.

(1) VA National Academic Affiliations Council
(* 2) Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials
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