

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2696

To increase transparency of agencies by requiring a report describing any proposed conference.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIND (for himself and Mr. PAULSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To increase transparency of agencies by requiring a report describing any proposed conference.

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. REPORTS ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE BY**
4 **FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days before any
6 conference, the head of the agency hosting the conference
7 and the head of any agency that is sending an employee
8 of such agency to the conference shall submit to the rel-
9 evant congressional committee of jurisdiction a report on
10 the following:

1 (1) An itemized statement of the cost of attend-
2 ing the conference, including the total cost.

3 (2) In the case of the agency hosting the con-
4 ference, the total cost of the conference.

5 (3) The names of keynote speakers.

6 (4) A list of conference attendees from such
7 agency and the titles of such attendees.

8 (5) The location of the conference.

9 (6) A summary of the purposes and goals of the
10 conference.

11 (7) A conference itinerary.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
14 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
15 United States Code.

16 (2) CONFERENCE.—The term “conference”
17 means a meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium,
18 training, or other event that involves travel for 50
19 or more attendees.

20 (3) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” has the
21 meaning given that term in section 2105 of title 5,
22 United States Code.

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