

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3548

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transparency Require-
5 ments for Agency Conferences and Events Act” or the
6 “TRACE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPORTS ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE BY FED-**
8 **ERAL AGENCIES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days before any
10 conference, the head of the agency hosting the conference

1 and the head of any agency that is sending an employee
2 of such agency to the conference shall submit to the rel-
3 evant congressional committee of jurisdiction a report on
4 the following:

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

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

9 (3) The names of keynote speakers.

10 (4) A list of conference attendees from such
11 agency and the titles of such attendees.

12 (5) The location of the conference.

13 (6) A summary of the purposes and goals of the
14 conference.

15 (7) A conference itinerary.

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

20 (2) CONFERENCE.—The term “conference”
21 means a meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium,
22 training, or other event that involves travel for 50
23 or more attendees.

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

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