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114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2219****[Report No. 114–371]**

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2015

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Reported by Mr. THUNE, with an amendment

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A BILL

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Outdoor Recreation
3 Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS OF OUTDOOR RECRE-**
5 **ATION ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) **ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS.**—The Secretary of
7 Commerce, acting through the Director of the Bureau of
8 Economic Analysis, shall conduct an assessment and anal-
9 ysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United
10 States and the effects attributable to such economy on the
11 overall economy of the United States.

12 (b) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In conducting the assess-
13 ment required by subsection (a), the Secretary may con-
14 sider employment, sales, and contributions to travel and
15 tourism, and such other contributing components of the
16 outdoor recreation economy of the United States as the
17 Secretary considers appropriate.

18 (c) **CONSULTATION.**—In carrying out the assessment
19 required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with
20 the following:

21 (1) The heads of such agencies and offices of
22 the Federal Government as the Secretary considers
23 appropriate, including the Secretary of Agriculture,
24 the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bu-
25 reau of the Census, and the Commissioner of the
26 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

1 (2) Representatives of businesses, including
 2 small business concerns, that engage in commerce in
 3 the outdoor recreation economy of the United
 4 States.

5 (d) REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
 7 2016, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the
 8 appropriate committees of Congress a report on the
 9 findings of the Secretary with respect to the assess-
 10 ment conducted under subsection (a).

11 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
 12 GRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate
 13 committees of Congress” includes the following:

14 (A) The Committee on Commerce, Science,
 15 and Transportation, the Committee on Environ-
 16 ment and Public Works, the Committee on En-
 17 ergy and Natural Resources, and the Com-
 18 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 19 of the Senate.

20 (B) The Committee on Energy and Com-
 21 merce and the Committee on Small Business of
 22 the House of Representatives.

23 (e) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.—In this
 24 section, the term “small business concern” has the mean-

1 ing given such term under section 3 of the Small Business
 2 Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Outdoor Recreation Jobs*
 5 *and Economic Impact Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS OF OUTDOOR RECRE-**
 7 **ATION ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) *ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS.*—*The Secretary of*
 9 *Commerce shall enter into a joint memorandum with the*
 10 *Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior*
 11 *to conduct, acting through the Director of the Bureau of*
 12 *Economic Analysis, an assessment and analysis of the out-*
 13 *door recreation economy of the United States and the effects*
 14 *attributable to such economy on the overall economy of the*
 15 *United States.*

16 (b) *CONSIDERATIONS.*—*In conducting the assessment*
 17 *required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce may*
 18 *consider employment, sales, and contributions to travel and*
 19 *tourism, and such other contributing components of the out-*
 20 *door recreation economy of the United States as the Sec-*
 21 *retary considers appropriate.*

22 (c) *CONSULTATION.*—*In carrying out the assessment*
 23 *required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce shall*
 24 *consult with—*

1 (1) *the heads of such agencies and offices of the*
 2 *Federal Government as the Secretary considers appro-*
 3 *priate, including the Secretary of Agriculture, the*
 4 *Secretary of the Interior, the Federal Recreation*
 5 *Council, the Director of the Bureau of the Census, and*
 6 *the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics;*
 7 *and*

8 (2) *representatives of businesses, including small*
 9 *business concerns, that engage in commerce in the*
 10 *outdoor recreation economy of the United States.*

11 (d) *REPORT.—*

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after*
 13 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
 14 *Commerce shall submit to the appropriate committees*
 15 *of Congress a report on the findings of the Secretary*
 16 *with respect to the assessment conducted under sub-*
 17 *section (a).*

18 (2) *APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—*
 19 *In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees*
 20 *of Congress” means—*

21 (A) *the Committee on Commerce, Science,*
 22 *and Transportation of the Senate;*

23 (B) *the Committee on Environment and*
 24 *Public Works of the Senate;*

1 (C) *the Committee on Energy and Natural*
2 *Resources of the Senate;*

3 (D) *the Committee on Small Business and*
4 *Entrepreneurship of the Senate;*

5 (E) *the Committee on Energy and Com-*
6 *merce of the House of Representatives; and*

7 (F) *the Committee on Small Business of the*
8 *House of Representatives.*

9 (e) *SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.*—*In this*
10 *section, the term “small business concern” has the meaning*
11 *given such term under section 3 of the Small Business Act*
12 *(15 U.S.C. 632).*

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