

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2969

To amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to allow the Federal Government to lease or sell abandoned or unused Federal civilian real properties for use as makerspaces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2017

Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. SCHNEIDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Move Ownership and
5 Responsibility to Encourage Makerspaces Act of 2017” or
6 the “MORE Makerspaces Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF ABANDONED OR UNUSED FEDERAL CIVIL-**
2 **IAN REAL PROPERTIES AS MAKERSPACES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Assets Sale and
4 Transfer Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–287; 40 U.S.C.
5 1303 note) is amended—

6 (1) in section 2—

7 (A) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (10), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(11) assisting Federal agencies in leasing or
14 selling abandoned or unused Federal civilian real
15 properties for use as makerspaces.”;

16 (2) in section 3, by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(10) MAKERSPACE.—The term ‘makerspace’
19 means a community space that—

20 “(A) provides access to tools, technology,
21 and knowledge for learners and entrepreneurs;

22 “(B) results in the prototyping or creation
23 of physical goods; and

24 “(C) supports the development of edu-
25 cational opportunities for personal growth,

1 workforce training, and early stage business
2 ventures.”;

3 (3) in section 11(a)(2), by adding at the end
4 the following new subparagraph:

5 “(D) Federal civilian real properties that
6 have sufficient square footage, technological ca-
7 pabilities, and community accessibility for use
8 as makerspaces.”; and

9 (4) by adding at the end the following new sec-
10 tion:

11 **“SEC. 26. REVIEW PROCESS FOR MAKERSPACES.**

12 “(a) REVIEW PROCESS.—The Board shall establish
13 a review process through which a Federal agency may
14 lease or sell an abandoned or unused Federal civilian real
15 property for use as a makerspace.

16 “(b) OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.—The Board shall estab-
17 lish an online public campaign to inform local municipali-
18 ties of the review process established under subsection (a).

19 “(c) NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—
20 With respect to each abandoned or unused Federal civilian
21 real property identified through the review process estab-
22 lished under subsection (a), the Board shall notify the
23 Member of Congress in whose district the property is lo-
24 cated so that the Member can inform the local munic-
25 ipality and community of the opportunity to use such prop-

erty as a makerspace. Each such notification shall include the name of the location, address, and square footage of the property and a brief explanation of the opportunity to use such property as a makerspace.

“(d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of the Move Ownership and Responsibility to Encourage Makerspaces Act of 2017, and annually thereafter, the Board shall publicly post online a report that includes the following:

“(1) The total number and locations of abandoned or unused Federal civilian real properties identified through the review process established under subsection (a) during the one-year period preceding the date on which the report is posted.

“(2) Brief descriptions of each Federal civilian real property used as a makerspace during the one-year period preceding the date on which the report is posted, including the amount of community participation in the development of the makerspace, the technologies and innovation developed in the makerspace, and any other information that the Board considers appropriate.

“(3) Recommendations to improve the review process established under subsection (a).”.

- 1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
- 2 for such Act is amended by adding at the end the following
- 3 new item:

“Sec. 26. Review process for makerspaces.”.

