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H. R. 6936

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Advancing Gig Econ-
5 omy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GIG ECONOMY STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) Not later than 2 years after the date of the
2 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
3 shall conduct a study on the impact of the gig econ-
4 omy on United States businesses conducting inter-
5 state commerce.

6 (2) In conducting such study, the Secretary
7 shall—

8 (A) conduct a survey of the gig economy
9 through outreach to participating entities to—

10 (i) establish a list of industry sectors
11 that participate in the gig economy;

12 (ii) review and briefly explain the im-
13 pact the gig economy has on the United
14 States economy, including any benefits or
15 detriments; and

16 (iii) review the impact the gig econ-
17 omy has on innovation, startups, and small
18 businesses;

19 (B) conduct a survey of Federal activity on
20 the gig economy to—

21 (i) develop a comprehensive list of
22 Federal agencies asserting jurisdiction over
23 the entities and sectors participating in the
24 gig economy;

1 (ii) identify all interagency activities
2 related to the gig economy;

3 (iii) develop a brief description of the
4 jurisdiction and expertise of the Federal
5 agencies as it relates to the gig economy;
6 and

7 (iv) identify all regulations, guidelines,
8 or any other policy implemented by such
9 Federal agencies with respect to the gig
10 economy; and

11 (C) develop and conduct a survey of State
12 laws enacted on the gig economy to—

13 (i) determine the impact such laws
14 have had on the gig economy, including in
15 the transportation and mobility industry
16 sector, the media and journalism industry
17 sector, and any other industry sector im-
18 pacted by such laws in each State; and

19 (ii) determine the impact such State
20 laws have on the United States economy.

21 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of Com-
22 merce shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-
23 merce of the House of Representatives and the Committee
24 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
25 a report that contains—

1 (1) the results of the study conducted under
2 subsection (a); and

3 (2) any recommendations to—

4 (A) address duplicative Federal rules, reg-
5 ulations, or any Federal activity acting as a
6 barrier to the growth of the gig economy;

7 (B) develop and implement a comprehen-
8 sive plan to promote the growth of the gig econ-
9 omy;

10 (C) develop policies that States can adopt
11 to encourage the growth of the gig economy in
12 each State; and

13 (D) propose any necessary legislation to
14 accomplish such recommendations.

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