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S. 1429

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2019

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “21st Century Endan-
5 gered Species Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH ON INTERNET BASIS**2 **FOR LISTINGS.**

3 Section 4(b) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973

4 (16 U.S.C. 1533(b)) is amended by adding at the end the

5 following:

6 **“(9) PUBLICATION ON INTERNET OF BASIS FOR**7 **LISTINGS.—**8 **“(A) IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall make
10 publicly available on the internet the best sci-
11 entific and commercial data available that are
12 the basis for each regulation, including each
13 proposed regulation, promulgated under sub-
14 section (a)(1).15 **“(B) EXCEPTION.**—At the request of a
16 Governor or legislature of a State, the Sec-
17 retary shall not make available under subpara-
18 graph (A) information regarding which the
19 State has determined public disclosure is pro-
20 hibited by a law of that State relating to the
21 protection of personal information.”.