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H. R. 3215

To facilitate the use of Federal lands for affordable housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2025

Mr. HORSFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Utilizing National
5 Land for Opportunities and Community Key (UNLOCK)
6 Housing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS A PUBLIC PURPOSE.**

2 Section 1 of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act
3 (43 U.S.C. 869) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(d) For the purposes of this Act, the development,
6 operation, and maintenance of affordable housing for pri-
7 marily extremely low-income, very low-income, or low-in-
8 come families (as such terms are defined in section 1303
9 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and
10 Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4502)) is considered
11 a public purpose.”.

12 **SEC. 3. JOINT TASK FORCE ON FEDERAL LAND FOR HOUS-**
13 **ING.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
15 Urban Development and the Secretary of the Interior
16 shall, not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this section, establish a Joint Task Force on Fed-
18 eral Land for Housing.

19 (b) DUTIES.—The Joint Task Force on Federal
20 Land for Housing established under subsection (a) shall—

21 (1) identify underutilized Federal land that is
22 suitable for residential development;

23 (2) streamline land transfer processes;

24 (3) promote policies that increase the avail-
25 ability of affordable housing; and

1 (4) evaluate and quantify the costs incurred by
2 other Federal and State due to a lack of affordable
3 housing.

4 (c) REPORT.—The Joint Task Force on Federal
5 Land for Housing shall, each year, submit a report to the
6 Congress that describes the work the Joint Task Force
7 on Federal Land for Housing has done in the prior year.
8 (d) TERMINATION.—The Joint Task Force on Fed-
9 eral Land for Housing shall be terminated on 10 years
10 after the date of the enactment of this section.

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