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# H. R. 7800

To establish the White House Council on Fathers and Sons, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. VAN ORDEN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## A BILL

To establish the White House Council on Fathers and Sons,  
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,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “White House Council  
5        on Fathers and Sons Act of 2026”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

8                (1) Since the 1970s, men have received fewer  
9        college degrees than women.

1           (2) The wages of most men are lower today  
2 than they were in 1979, while women’s wages have  
3 risen.

4           (3) One out of 5 fathers does not live with his  
5 children.

6           (4) Men have a 3 to 4 times greater risk of  
7 dying from suicide or an overdose compared to  
8 women.

9           (5) Gendered policies have resulted in the mini-  
10 mization of the importance of the role of fathers in  
11 the institution of the family.

12           (6) Sons raised without fathers are 4 times as  
13 likely to experience poverty and twice as likely to  
14 spend time in prison by age 30, and the number of  
15 sons raised without fathers who are neither em-  
16 ployed nor in school has tripled in the past 5 years.

17           (7) The Executive Office of the President is in  
18 a unique position to—

19                   (A) endorse efforts to address problems  
20 facing fathers and sons;

21                   (B) spread awareness of such problems;  
22 and

23                   (C) ensure that Federal agencies address  
24 such problems through a “whole of govern-  
25 ment” response.

1 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of Congress that the head of each Fed-  
3 eral agency should seek to develop programs and initia-  
4 tives that—

5 (1) promote the roles of fathers and sons in  
6 families in the United States;

7 (2) combat the rise in deaths of despair among  
8 fathers and sons; and

9 (3) promote the biological differences between  
10 men and women.

11 **SEC. 4. WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON FATHERS AND SONS.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
13 the Executive Office of the President the White House  
14 Council on Fathers and Sons (in this section referred to  
15 as the “Council”).

16 (b) DUTIES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall—

18 (A) promote the roles of fathers and sons  
19 in families in the United States;

20 (B) combat the rise in deaths of despair  
21 among fathers and sons;

22 (C) foster mental, physical, spiritual, and  
23 economic prosperity for sons as they transition  
24 into manhood;

25 (D) facilitate a coordinated Federal re-  
26 sponse to problems of special importance to fa-

1           thers and sons, including by reviewing and rec-  
2           ommending changes to Federal programs and  
3           policies to ensure that such programs and poli-  
4           cies adequately address problems of special im-  
5           portance to—

6                       (i) men generally;

7                       (ii) boys; and

8                       (iii) men in the Federal workforce;

9           (E) report to the President on the effects  
10          that measures or matters reported by, or dis-  
11          charged from, a committee of either House of  
12          Congress will have on fathers and sons; and

13          (F) assist the President and Federal agen-  
14          cies in the development of legislation and policy  
15          proposals of special importance to fathers and  
16          sons.

17          (2) REPORT.—Not later than 150 days after  
18          the date of the enactment of this Act, and periodi-  
19          cally thereafter as the Council determines appro-  
20          priate, the Council shall submit to the President a  
21          report containing—

22                       (A) a review of the programs of special im-  
23                       portance to fathers and sons administered by  
24                       the head of each agency having a representative  
25                       on the Council; and

1 (B) plans for the future work of the Coun-  
2 cil.

3 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the duties de-  
4 scribed in subsection (b)(1), the Council shall consult  
5 with—

6 (1) Federal agencies (as defined in section 551  
7 of title 5, United States Code, but excluding agen-  
8 cies described in paragraph (1)(B) of such section);

9 (2) nonprofit organizations, including faith in-  
10 stitutions;

11 (3) State and local governments; and

12 (4) other persons and entities as the Council  
13 determines appropriate.

14 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be composed  
15 of—

16 (1) the Deputy Assistant to the President and  
17 Director of Intergovernmental Affairs;

18 (2) the Secretary of State;

19 (3) the Secretary of the Treasury;

20 (4) the Secretary of Defense;

21 (5) the Attorney General;

22 (6) the Secretary of the Interior;

23 (7) the Secretary of Agriculture;

24 (8) the Secretary of Commerce;

25 (9) the Secretary of Labor;

1           (10) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
2       ices;

3           (11) the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
4       velopment;

5           (12) the Secretary of Transportation;

6           (13) the Secretary of Energy;

7           (14) the Secretary of Education;

8           (15) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

9           (16) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

10          (17) the United States Ambassador to the  
11       United Nations;

12          (18) the United States Trade Representative;

13          (19) the Director of the Office of Management  
14       and Budget;

15          (20) the Administrator of the Environmental  
16       Protection Agency;

17          (21) the Chair of the White House Council of  
18       Economic Advisers;

19          (22) the Director of the Office of Personnel  
20       Management;

21          (23) the Administrator of the Small Business  
22       Administration;

23          (24) the Assistant to the President for Domes-  
24       tic Policy and Director of the Domestic Policy Coun-  
25       cil;

1           (25) the Assistant to the President for Eco-  
2           nomic Policy and Director of the National Economic  
3           Council;

4           (26) the Senior Advisor to the White House  
5           Faith Office;

6           (27) the heads of such other Federal agencies  
7           as the President may designate; and

8           (28) such representatives of the faith commu-  
9           nity as the President may designate.

10          (e) CHAIRPERSON.—The Deputy Assistant to the  
11          President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs shall  
12          be the Chairperson of the Council and shall be responsible  
13          for—

14                 (1) convening regular meetings of the Council;  
15          and

16                 (2) establishing such subcommittees of the  
17          Council as the Chairperson determines appropriate.

18          (f) DIRECTOR.—The Council shall have a Director,  
19          who shall—

20                 (1) be appointed by the Chairperson; and

21                 (2) be responsible for hiring and managing such  
22          personnel as the Director determines appropriate.

23          (g) FUNDING.—

24                 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall be carried  
25          out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appro-

1        priated for the Department of Health and Human  
2        Services.

3                (2) AGENCIES TO BEAR OWN EXPENSES.—Each  
4        Federal department and agency represented on the  
5        Council shall bear its own expense for such partici-  
6        pation.

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