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# H. R. 1797

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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

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## 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. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
4 **AGREEMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall di-  
6 rect the Department of Energy National Laboratories, in-  
7 cluding the laboratories administered by the National Nu-  
8 clear Security Administration, to enter into new, or in-

1 crease the Federal share of existing, cooperative research  
2 and development agreements to better carry out the mis-  
3 sions of the Department of Energy, and shall make avail-  
4 able Department of Energy funds to pay for the Federal  
5 portion of such agreements. The Secretary shall ensure  
6 that special consideration is given under this section to  
7 cooperative research and development agreements that in-  
8 clude small business firms and consortia involving small  
9 business firms. The Secretary shall ensure that the per-  
10 formance evaluation metrics of each National Laboratory  
11 operating contractor provide incentives for, and measure  
12 the effectiveness of, the contractor's cooperative research  
13 and development agreement program at maturing Labora-  
14 tory technology and transferring it to the private sector.  
15 Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude or  
16 limit the use of funding provided under other authority  
17 of law for entering into or increasing the Federal share  
18 of cooperative research and development agreements, ei-  
19 ther in combination with funding provided under this sec-  
20 tion or separately.

21 (b) REPORTS.—

22 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall annu-  
23 ally transmit to Congress a report that describes  
24 how funds were expended under this section, includ-  
25 ing a description of—

1           (A) the types and sizes of non-Federal en-  
2           tities that participated in cooperative research  
3           and development agreements receiving funds  
4           under this section; and

5           (B) the economic benefits, including the  
6           number of private sector jobs created, resulting  
7           from cooperative research and development  
8           agreements that received funds under this sec-  
9           tion.

10          (2) CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS.—Reports re-  
11          quired under this subsection may be consolidated  
12          with other related reports required from the Sec-  
13          retary.

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