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117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3692

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 20, 2022

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Network Equipment
3 Transparency Act” or the “NET Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDER-**
5 **ATION.**

6 ~~Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996~~
7 ~~(47 U.S.C. 1302)~~ *Section 13 of the Communications Act*
8 *of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 163)* is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
10 section (e); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(d) STATUS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY
14 CHAIN.—~~As part of the inquiry required by subsection (b)~~
15 *In each report required by subsection (a), the Commission*
16 *shall, to the extent that data is available, determine wheth-*
17 *er a lack of network equipment significantly impacted the*
18 *deployment of advanced telecommunications capability*
19 *during the applicable year reporting period.”.*

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