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H. R. 8276

To make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCLAIN (for herself and Ms. PORTER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Reuse Excess Property
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title
8 40, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in section 529—

(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives” after “Administrator of General Services”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) COMPILATION OF DATA.—Not later than 180 days following the close of a fiscal year, the Administrator shall compile the data in the reports submitted under subsection (a) and submit to the Committee on Homeland Security Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives and publish on a centralized online website a publicly available report, which shall include—

“(1) the complete data provided in each report in a user-friendly format;

“(2) a summary of the findings of each report, including the aggregate dollar amount of personal property determined to be no longer required for the purpose of the appropriation used to make the purchase; and

“(3) any other recommendations from the Administrator.”; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 529 the following:

2 **“§ 530. Internal guidance on excess personal property**

3 “(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of enactment of this section, each executive
5 agency shall submit to the Administrator of General Serv-
6 ices and make publicly available on the website of the exec-
7 utive agency the internal guidance of the executive agency
8 on considering using excess personal property to meet the
9 needs of the executive agency, which shall include—

10 “(1) a requirement to consider excess personal
11 property before buying new;

12 “(2) when it is practicable to check for and ob-
13 tain excess personal property;

14 “(3) how to evaluate the suitability of excess
15 personal property for use; and

16 “(4) defined roles and responsibilities relevant
17 to considering the use of excess personal property,
18 including the designation of an employee as respon-
19 sible for searching through available excess personal
20 property for items that meet the needs of the execu-
21 tive agency.

22 “(b) UPDATES.—Each executive agency shall submit
23 to the Administrator of General Services and update on
24 the website of the executive agency any changes to the

1 internal guidance submitted and made available under
2 subsection (a).”.

3 (b) REPORT ON INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
5 this Act, the Administrator of General Services shall pub-
6 lish a publicly available report on a centralized online
7 website that includes a summary of findings from the
8 interagency working group on the acquisition of personal
9 property that was first convened in February 2023 on
10 ways to improve the use of excess personal property.

11 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

12 The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United
13 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
14 ing to section 529 the following:

“530. Internal guidance on excess personal property.”.

15 (d) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the
16 United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
17 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the
18 Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House
19 of Representatives a report that evaluates the frequency
20 with which executive agencies (as defined in section 102
21 of title 40, United States Code) acquire personal property
22 that was made, produced, or manufactured by any entity,
23 including any corporation, that is organized under the
24 laws of, is headquartered in, or has its principal place of

1 business in the People’s Republic of China, including any
2 Special Administrative Region.

3 (e) SUNSET.—Effective the date that is 5 years after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, chapter 5 of title 40,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in section 529—

7 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-
8 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “and the
9 Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
10 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
11 on Oversight and Accountability of the House
12 of Representatives”; and

13 (B) by striking subsection (c);

14 (2) by striking section 530; and

15 (3) in the table of sections, by striking the item
16 relating to section 530.

17 (f) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds
18 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
19 rying out this Act or the amendments made by this Act.

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