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S. 2257

To amend the Federal Reserve Act to add additional demographic reporting requirements, to modify the goals of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Federal Reserve Racial
5 and Economic Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTY TO MINIMIZE AND ELIMINATE RACIAL DIS-**
 2 **PARITIES.**

3 The Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) is
 4 amended by inserting after section 2B the following:

5 **“SEC. 2C. DUTY TO MINIMIZE AND ELIMINATE RACIAL DIS-**
 6 **PARITIES.**

7 “The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-
 8 tem and the Federal Open Market Committee shall exer-
 9 cise all duties and functions in a manner that fosters the
 10 elimination of disparities across racial and ethnic groups
 11 with respect to employment, income, wealth, and access
 12 to affordable credit, including actions in carrying out—

13 “(1) monetary policy;

14 “(2) regulation and supervision of banks,
 15 thrifts, bank holding companies, savings and loan
 16 holding companies, and nonbank financial companies
 17 and systemically important financial market utilities
 18 designated by the Financial Stability Oversight
 19 Council;

20 “(3) operation of payment systems;

21 “(4) implementation of the Community Rein-
 22 vestment Act of 1977;

23 “(5) enforcement of fair lending laws; and

24 “(6) community development functions.”.

1 **SEC. 3. APPEARANCES BEFORE AND REPORTS TO THE CON-**
 2 **GRESS.**

3 Section 2B of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
 4 225b) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 7 “and” at the end; and

8 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
 9 serting the following:

10 “(B) economic developments and prospects
 11 for the future described in the report required
 12 in subsection (b), including a discussion of dis-
 13 parities in employment, income, and wealth
 14 across racial and ethnic groups as well as other
 15 specific segments of the population; and

16 “(C) plans, activities, and actions of the
 17 Board and the Federal Open Market Committee
 18 to minimize and eliminate disparities across ra-
 19 cial and ethnic groups with respect to employ-
 20 ment, wages, wealth, and access to affordable
 21 credit pursuant to section 2C.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) by striking “The Board” and inserting
 24 the following:

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board”; and

26 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) TREND INFORMATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report required
3 under paragraph (1) shall include recent trends
4 in the unemployment rate, labor force participa-
5 tion rate, employment to population ratio, me-
6 dian household income, and change in real
7 earnings.

8 “(B) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.—The
9 trends required to be reported under subpara-
10 graph (A) shall include a comparison among
11 different demographic groups, including race
12 (White, African-American, Latino, Native
13 American, and Asian populations), ethnicity,
14 gender, and educational attainment.”.

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