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# H. R. 3526

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to extend the import- and export-related provision of that Act to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under that Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HONDA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KEATING, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SHERMAN, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Conserving Ecosystems  
3 by Ceasing the Importation of Large Animal Trophies  
4 Act” or the “CECIL Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF**  
6 **1973.**

7 Section 9(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of  
8 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(a)(1)) is amended by striking sub-  
9 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

10 “(A) for any such species listed, or proposed to  
11 be listed, under section 4, import the species into, or  
12 export the species from, the United States;”.

13 **SEC. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
16 of the United States shall conduct and submit to Congress  
17 a report on the results of a study of the effectiveness of  
18 trophy hunting in supporting international wildlife con-  
19 servation efforts.

20 (b) APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO TANGIBLE AC-  
21 TIONS.—The study shall include a detailed analysis of how  
22 permit fees and other payments from hunters to govern-  
23 ment entities and hunting guides in host countries are ap-  
24 plied to tangible actions supporting the conservation of the  
25 target species and other wildlife in such countries.

26 (c) REPORT.—The report shall—

1           (1) identify data gaps and recommend informa-  
2           tion that hunters and host countries must submit to  
3           verify the impacts of trophy hunting on wildlife con-  
4           servation efforts; and

5           (2) recommend actions that the Department of  
6           the Interior and the Congress should take to ensure  
7           that trophy hunting contributes to conservation.

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