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# H. R. 4665

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2016

Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. WELCH, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Outdoor Recreation’s  
5       Economic Contributions Act of 2016” or the “Outdoor  
6       REC Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS OF OUTDOOR RECRE-**  
2 **ATION ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) **ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS.**—The Secretary of  
4 Commerce, acting through the Director of the Bureau of  
5 Economic Analysis, shall conduct an assessment and anal-  
6 ysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United  
7 States and the effects attributable to such economy on the  
8 overall economy of the United States.

9 (b) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In conducting the assess-  
10 ment under subsection (a), the Secretary may consider  
11 employment, sales, and contributions to travel and tour-  
12 ism, and such other contributing components of the out-  
13 door recreation economy of the United States as the Sec-  
14 retary considers appropriate.

15 (c) **CONSULTATION.**—In conducting the assessment  
16 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the  
17 following:

18 (1) The heads of such agencies and offices of  
19 the Federal Government as the Secretary considers  
20 appropriate, including the Secretary of Agriculture,  
21 the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bu-  
22 reau of the Census, and the Commissioner of the  
23 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

24 (2) Representatives of businesses, including  
25 small business concerns, that engage in commerce in

1 the outdoor recreation economy of the United  
2 States.

3 (d) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,  
5 2016, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the  
6 appropriate committees of Congress a report on the  
7 findings of the Secretary with respect to the assess-  
8 ment conducted under subsection (a).

9 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
10 GRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate  
11 committees of Congress” includes the following:

12 (A) The Committee on Commerce, Science,  
13 and Transportation, the Committee on Environ-  
14 ment and Public Works, the Committee on En-  
15 ergy and Natural Resources, and the Com-  
16 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
17 of the Senate.

18 (B) The Committee on Energy and Com-  
19 merce and the Committee on Small Business of  
20 the House of Representatives.

21 (e) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.—In this  
22 section, the term “small business concern” has the mean-  
23 ing given such term under section 3 of the Small Business  
24 Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

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