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To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. CUMMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Making Electronic
5 Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Effi-
6 ciencies Act of 2016” or the “MEGABYTE Act of 2016”.

7 **SEC. 2. OMB DIRECTIVE ON MANAGEMENT OF SOFTWARE**
8 **LICENSES.**

9 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “Director” means the Director of
2 the Office of Management and Budget; and

3 (2) the term “executive agency” has the mean-
4 ing given that term in section 105 of title 5, United
5 States Code.

6 (b) OMB DIRECTIVE.—The Director shall issue a di-
7 rective to require the Chief Information Officer of each
8 executive agency to develop a comprehensive software li-
9 censing policy, which shall—

10 (1) identify clear roles, responsibilities, and cen-
11 tral oversight authority within the executive agency
12 for managing enterprise software license agreements
13 and commercial software licenses; and

14 (2) require the Chief Information Officer of
15 each executive agency to—

16 (A) establish a comprehensive inventory,
17 including 80 percent of software license spend-
18 ing and enterprise licenses in the executive
19 agency, by identifying and collecting informa-
20 tion about software license agreements using
21 automated discovery and inventory tools;

22 (B) regularly track and maintain software
23 licenses to assist the executive agency in imple-
24 menting decisions throughout the software li-
25 cense management life cycle;

1 (C) analyze software usage and other data
2 to make cost-effective decisions;

3 (D) provide training relevant to software
4 license management;

5 (E) establish goals and objectives of the
6 software license management program of the
7 executive agency; and

8 (F) consider the software license manage-
9 ment life cycle phases, including the requisition,
10 reception, deployment and maintenance, retire-
11 ment, and disposal phases, to implement effec-
12 tive decisionmaking and incorporate existing
13 standards, processes, and metrics.

14 (c) REPORT ON SOFTWARE LICENSE MANAGE-
15 MENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first fiscal
17 year beginning after the date of enactment of this
18 Act, and in each of the following 5 fiscal years, the
19 Chief Information Officer of each executive agency
20 shall submit to the Director a report on the financial
21 savings or avoidance of spending that resulted from
22 improved software license management.

1 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The Director shall make
2 each report submitted under paragraph (1) pub-
3 lically available.

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