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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 2, 2015

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Making Electronic
5 Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Effi-
6 ciencies Act of 2015” or the “MEGABYTE Act of 2015”.

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 each executive agency to develop a com-
8 prehensive software licensing policy, which shall—

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

13 (2) require the executive agency to—

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

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

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

1 (D) provide training relevant to software
2 license management;

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

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

12 (c) REPORT ON SOFTWARE LICENSE MANAGE-
13 MENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first fiscal
15 year beginning after the date of enactment of this
16 Act, and in each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal
17 year 2018, each executive agency shall submit to the
18 Director a report on the financial savings or avoid-
19 ance of spending that resulted from improved soft-
20 ware license management.

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

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