

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1273

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2017

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CHAFFETZ, and Mr. TIPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “21st Century Endan-
5 gered Species Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH ON THE INTERNET THE**
2 **BASIS FOR LISTINGS.**

3 Section 4(b) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
4 (16 U.S.C. 1533(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(9) The Secretary shall make publicly available
7 on the Internet the best scientific and commercial
8 data available that are the basis for each regulation,
9 including each proposed regulation, promulgated
10 under subsection (a)(1), except that, at the request
11 of a Governor or legislature of a State, the Secretary
12 shall not make available under this paragraph infor-
13 mation regarding which the State has determined
14 public disclosure is prohibited by a law of that State
15 relating to the protection of personal information.”.

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