

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3651

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a feasibility study on renovating or replacing the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center with a new or updated facility.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 2017

Mrs. RADEWAGEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. GAO FEASIBILITY STUDY ON RENOVATING OR**  
2 **REPLACING THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON TROP-**  
3 **ICAL MEDICAL CENTER WITH A NEW OR UP-**  
4 **DATED FACILITY.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United  
6 States, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,  
8 shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of, and  
9 costs to the Federal Government and local government as-  
10 sociated with, renovating or replacing the Lyndon B.  
11 Johnson Tropical Medical Center with a new or updated  
12 facility.

13 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than six months after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
15 shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings  
16 of the study conducted under subsection (a). Such report  
17 shall include the following:

18 (1) The cost to equip the facility with every-  
19 thing necessary to meet relevant care standards re-  
20 quired by the Department of Veterans Affairs, De-  
21 partment of Defense, and Department of Health and  
22 Human Services.

23 (2) The cost of renovations as compared to the  
24 cost of an entire replacement of the facility.

1           (3) The cost of expansions and renovations nec-  
2           essary to meet the healthcare demands of the terri-  
3           tory.

4           (4) The feasibility of making the center a teach-  
5           ing hospital.

6           (5) The ability to include a research center at  
7           the facility for studying tropical diseases.

8           (6) How improvements to the facility compare  
9           to the long term cost of off-island care.

10          (7) The feasibility and cost of a program that  
11          would help pay for medical students to perform their  
12          residency at the facility.

13          (8) The suitability of the location for a new fa-  
14          cility.

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