

TO AUTHORIZE, DIRECT, FACILITATE, AND EXPEDITE  
THE TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF  
CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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JULY 11, 2017.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of  
the Union and ordered to be printed

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Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1397]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1397) to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1397 is to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1397 authorizes a land exchange between the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) in Fairfax County, Virginia. Specifically, the bill would transfer administrative jurisdiction over 0.342 acres of federal land within the boundary of the George Washington Memorial Parkway of the National Park Service (NPS) to DOT, and transfer from DOT 0.479 acres of federal land within the boundary of the Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center of the Federal Highway Administration.

The transfer centers on Colonial Farm Road, which provides public access from Georgetown Pike to Claude Moore Colonial Farm, a site managed by the NPS within the George Washington Memorial Parkway. In addition to providing access to the Farm, this road

serves as an entrance road to the Research Center and as a secondary entrance to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The configuration of the property lines between the Farm and the Research Center requires Farm staff to travel across Research Center property to access their facilities.

DOI, DOT, and the CIA have discussed concerns over crossing property lines, the need to have uninterrupted access to their properties, and the need to improve security and visibility near the perimeter fencing of the Research Center. The agencies have identified properties suitable for exchange which will provide public access to the Farm and provide the means to improve security outside the fencing of the Research Center and the CIA. Though the immediate security concerns have previously been addressed through a temporary agreement, legislation is needed to codify the land exchange.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1397 was introduced on March 7, 2017, by Congresswoman Barbara Comstock (R-VA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On June 22, 2017, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent on June 27, 2017.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act. With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, July 10, 2017.*

Hon. ROB BISHOP,  
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1397, a bill to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Janani Shankaran.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

*H.R. 1397—A bill to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes*

H.R. 1397 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to exchange small parcels of land located in Fairfax County, Virginia. Specifically, the bill would transfer jurisdiction over 0.342 acres of land within the boundary of the George Washington Memorial Parkway from the NPS to DOT, and 0.479 acres of land within the boundary of the Federal Highway Administration's Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center from DOT to the NPS.

Based on information provided by the NPS and DOT, CEO estimates that implementing H.R. 1397 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1397 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1397 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1397 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Janani Shankaran. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land.

#### EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pur-

suant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95–220, as amended by Public Law 98–169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

ROB BISHOP OF UTAH  
CHAIRMAN

JASON KNOX  
STAFF DIRECTOR

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Committee on Natural Resources  
Washington, DC 20515

July 5, 2017

RAUL GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA  
RANKING MEMBER

DAVID WATKINS  
DEMOCRATIC STAFF DIRECTOR

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On June 27, 2017, the Committee on Natural Resources ordered favorably reported without amendment H.R. 1397, to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land. The bill was referred primarily to the Committee on Natural Resources, with an additional referral to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

I ask that you allow the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to be discharged from further consideration of the bill so that it may be scheduled by the Majority Leader. This discharge in no way affects your jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill, and it will not serve as precedent for future referrals. In addition, should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would support your request to have the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure represented on the conference committee. Finally, I would be pleased to include this letter and any response in the bill report filed by the Committee on Natural Resources to memorialize our understanding, as well as in the Congressional Record.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and for the extraordinary cooperation shown by you and your staff over matters of shared jurisdiction. I look forward to further opportunities to work with you this Congress.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources  
The Honorable Barbara Comstock  
The Honorable Thomas J. Wickham, Jr., Parliamentarian

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The Honorable Rob Bishop  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
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Dear Chairman Bishop:

Thank you for your letter concerning H.R. 1397, to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land. As noted, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure received an additional referral on this legislation.

In order to expedite floor consideration of H.R. 1397, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure agrees to forgo action on this bill. However, as you noted, this is conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill would not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction. Should a conference on the bill be necessary, I appreciate your agreement to support my request to have the Committee represented on the conference committee.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter and for agreeing to place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the bill report and the *Congressional Record* during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

Bill Shuster  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva  
The Honorable Barbara Comstock  
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