

TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY TO REVIEW AND UPDATE A REPORT ON THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF THE RE-REFINING OF USED LUBRICATING OIL

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

Mr. WALDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1733]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Energy and Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1733) to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

H.R. 1733 directs the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefit of the re-refining of used lubricating oil.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1733 was introduced by Representative Susan Brooks (R-IN) on March 27, 2017. The bill requires the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of re-refining used lubricating oil, which was previously authorized under section 1838 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Recycling used lubricating oil provides environmental benefits, reduces energy consumption, and produces high quality products for consumers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee on Energy and Commerce has not held hearings on the legislation.

On October 26, 2017, the Subcommittee on Energy met in open markup session and forwarded H.R. 1733, without amendment, to the full Committee by a voice vote. On December 6, 2017, the full Committee on Energy and Commerce met in open markup session and ordered H.R. 1733, without amendment, favorably reported to the House by a voice vote.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII requires the Committee to list the record votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto. There were no record votes taken in connection with ordering H.R. 1733 reported.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII, the Committee has not held hearings on this legislation.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY, ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII, the Committee finds that H.R. 1733 would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII, the following is the cost estimate provided by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, December 8, 2017.

Hon. GREG WALDEN,
*Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1733, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 1733—A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil

H.R. 1733 would require the Secretary of Energy, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to review and update a report on the environmental and energy-related benefits of re-refining used lubricating oil. The bill also would direct the Secretary to develop a strategy for increasing the beneficial recycling of such oils.

Using information from the Department of Energy about the historical costs of similar efforts, CBO estimates that the affected agencies would spend less than \$500,000 to meet the bill's requirements. Such spending would be subject to appropriation.

Enacting H.R. 1733 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1733 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1733 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this legislation is to direct the Secretary of Energy review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefit of the re-refining of used lubricating oil.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII, no provision of H.R. 1733 is known to be duplicative of another Federal program, including any program that was included in a report to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139 or the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII, the Committee adopts as its own the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

EARMARK, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Pursuant to clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI, the Committee finds that H.R. 1733 contains no earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTED RULE MAKINGS

Pursuant to section 3(i) of H. Res. 5, the Committee finds that H.R. 1733 contains no directed rule makings.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Energy savings from lubricating oil

This section directs the Secretary of Energy, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to review and update the report prepared pursuant to section 1838 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; update data that was used in preparing that report in consultation with relevant Federal, State, and local agencies and affected industry and stakeholder groups; and prepare and submit to Congress a coordinated Federal strategy to increase the beneficial reuse of used lubricating oil. The Federal strategy submitted to Congress shall be consistent with national policy as established pursuant to section 2 of the Used Oil Recycling Act of 1980 and shall address measures needed to increase the responsible collection of used oil; disseminate public information concerning sustainable reuse options for used oil; and promote sustainable reuse of used oil by Federal agencies, recipients of Federal grant funds, entities contracting with the Federal Government, and the general public.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED
This legislation does not amend any existing Federal statute.

