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H. R. 2644

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the state of the internet-connected devices industry in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. BILLIRAKIS, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. LONG, and Mrs. RODGERS of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “State of Modern Appli-
5 cation, Research, and Trends of IoT Act” or the “SMART
6 IoT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON INTERNET OF THINGS.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Commerce shall con-
3 duct a study on the state of the internet-connected devices
4 industry (commonly known as the “Internet of Things”)
5 in the United States. In conducting the study, the Sec-
6 retary shall—

7 (1) develop a comprehensive list of Federal
8 agencies with jurisdiction over entities in the indus-
9 try;

10 (2) develop a description of the jurisdiction and
11 expertise of such agencies over such entities; and

12 (3) conduct a survey of entities in the internet-
13 connected devices industry to—

14 (A) identify which Federal agencies such
15 entities interact with;

16 (B) identify public-private partnerships fo-
17 cused on promoting the adoption and use of
18 internet-connected devices;

19 (C) identify Federal Government resources
20 that exist for consumers and small businesses
21 to evaluate internet-connected devices; and

22 (D) identify what, if any, duplication exists
23 in the jurisdiction and expertise of Federal
24 agencies listed under paragraph (1) over enti-
25 ties in the internet-connected devices industry.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
5 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
6 report that contains—

7 (1) the results of the study conducted under
8 subsection (a); and

9 (2) recommendations of the Secretary for re-
10 ducing any existing duplication in jurisdiction or ex-
11 pertise as identified under subsection (a)(3)(D).

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
14 agency” means an agency, as defined in section 551
15 of title 5, United States Code.

16 (2) INTERNET-CONNECTED DEVICE.—The term
17 “internet-connected device” means a physical object
18 that—

19 (A) is capable of connecting to the inter-
20 net, either directly or indirectly through a net-
21 work, to communicate information at the direc-
22 tion of an individual; and

1 (B) has computer processing capabilities
2 for collecting, sending, receiving, or analyzing
3 data.

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