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To amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1, 2020

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Telework for U.S. In-
5 novation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELEWORK TRAVEL EXPENSES PROGRAM OF THE**
2 **UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK**
3 **OFFICE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5711 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**test**”;

7 (2) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
10 graph (A), by striking “committee” and in-
11 serting “committees”; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13 “Government”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) by striking “test”; and

16 (ii) by striking “section , including the
17 provision of reports in accordance with
18 subsection (d)(1)” and inserting “sub-
19 section”;

20 (C) in paragraph (4)(B), in the matter
21 preceding clause (i), by inserting “and main-
22 tain” after “develop”; and

23 (D) in paragraph (5)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “test”; and

1 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(B) The Director of the Patent and Trademark Of-
4 fice shall prepare and submit to the appropriate commit-
5 tees of Congress an annual report on the operation of the
6 program under this subsection, which shall include—

7 “(i) the costs and benefits of the program; and

8 “(ii) an analysis of the effectiveness of the pro-
9 gram, as determined under criteria developed by the
10 Director.”; and

11 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “this section”
12 and inserting “subsection (b)”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
14 The table of sections for subchapter I of chapter 57 of
15 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the
16 item relating to section 5711 and inserting the following:

“5711. Authority for telework travel expenses programs.”.

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