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S. 564

To establish a task force to identify countervailable subsidies and dumping.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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and dumping.

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 “Self-Initiation Trade
5 Enforcement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY COUNTERVAILABLE SUB-**
7 **SIDIES AND DUMPING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title VII of the Tar-
9 iff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1677 et seq.) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 784. TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY COUNTERAVAILABLE**
2 **SUBSIDIES AND DUMPING.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established, in the
4 International Trade Administration, a task force to be re-
5 sponsible for—

6 “(1) identifying countervailable subsidies and
7 dumping that are causing material injury or threat-
8 en to cause material injury to a domestic industry;

9 “(2) making recommendations to the Under
10 Secretary of Commerce for International Trade with
11 respect to initiating investigations under sections
12 702(a) and 732(a); and

13 “(3) conducting research relating to carrying
14 out paragraphs (1) and (2).

15 “(b) DUTIES.—In carrying out the responsibilities of
16 the task force under subsection (a), the task force shall—

17 “(1) monitor trade flows, government data,
18 price fluctuations, domestic industry and market
19 conditions, and all relevant available business infor-
20 mation to identify potential cases of countervailable
21 subsidies and dumping that are causing material in-
22 jury or threaten to cause material injury to a domes-
23 tic industry;

24 “(2) conduct background research on foreign
25 pricing practices and foreign government subsidies,
26 including duty evasion and circumvention; and

1 “(3) prioritize cases that affect small- and me-
2 dium-sized businesses in the United States.

3 “(c) CONSULTATIONS.—In carrying out the respon-
4 sibilities of the task force under subsection (a), the task
5 force shall consult with industries in the United States
6 with respect to countervailable subsidies and dumping.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 for title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 is amended by in-
9 serting after the item relating to section 783 the following:

“Sec. 784. Task force to identify countervailable subsidies and dumping.”.

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