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H. R. 1653

To amend the America COMPETES Act to strengthen reporting requirements relating to deficiencies in Federal research infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Federal Labs Mod-
5 ernization Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FED-**
7 **ERAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1007(c)(1) of the America
9 COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 6619(c)(1)) is amended by

1 inserting “and funding for research infrastructure” after
2 “research infrastructure”.

3 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days and
4 every 2 years thereafter, the Comptroller General shall
5 submit to Congress a report that includes—

6 (1) an assessment of the current state of Fed-
7 eral science facilities and related infrastructure, in-
8 cluding with respect to climate control systems, the
9 functionality of equipment and the usage of such
10 equipment, the quality of buildings in which such fa-
11 cilities are housed (including the resiliency of such
12 buildings to changes in climate, weather, and nat-
13 ural surroundings), and the safety of the materials
14 used in construction of facilities;

15 (2) an identification of the facilities in most
16 critical need of repair or renovation;

17 (3) the estimated costs of completing such re-
18 pairs or renovations; and

19 (4) an evaluation of whether facility occupancy
20 is sufficient to meet agency demands.

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