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To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prepare a report on reuse and refill systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Research for Environ-
5 mental Uses and Sustainable Economies Act of 2025” or
6 the “REUSE Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON REUSE AND REFILL SYSTEMS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 (2) REUSE AND REFILL SYSTEM.—The term
5 “reuse and refill system” means a set of mechanisms
6 relating to refillable or reusable products and bev-
7 erage containers, as determined by the Adminis-
8 trator, that is supported by adequate infrastructure
9 at the producer level, and adequate convenient avail-
10 ability and retail infrastructure at the consumer
11 level, to ensure that the products and beverage con-
12 tainers can be—

13 (A) repeatedly recovered, inspected, re-
14 paired (if necessary), and reissued by producers
15 into the supply chain for reuse or refill for mul-
16 tiple cycles; and

17 (B) conveniently and safely reused or re-
18 filled by producers and consumers for multiple
19 cycles.

20 (3) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
21 ing given the term in section 1004 of the Solid
22 Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6903).

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
24 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall make
25 publicly available a report describing the feasibility of, and

1 best practices relating to, reuse and refill systems for var-
 2 ious sectors, as determined by the Administrator, which
 3 may include food service, consumer food and beverage
 4 products, consumer cleaning products, personal care prod-
 5 ucts, transportation and shipping of wholesale and retail
 6 goods, and public educational institutions, including insti-
 7 tutions of higher education.

8 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The report under subsection (b)
 9 shall include an evaluation and summary of—

10 (1) types of reuse and refill systems for product
 11 delivery that can be best used at different scales;

12 (2) methods to ensure equitable distribution of
 13 reuse and refill systems, where economically feasible,
 14 for product delivery in communities of varying popu-
 15 lation size;

16 (3) job creation opportunities through the use
 17 or expansion of reuse and refill systems;

18 (4) economic costs and benefits for—

19 (A) businesses that deploy reuse and refill
 20 system technologies; and

21 (B) parties responsible for waste collection
 22 and management;

23 (5) types of local, State, and Federal support
 24 needed to expand the use of reuse and refill systems;
 25 and

1 (6) existing barriers to the widespread imple-
2 mentation of reuse and refill systems.

3 (d) CONSIDERATIONS.—In preparing the report
4 under subsection (b), the Administrator shall—

5 (1) take into consideration relevant information
6 relating to reuse and refill system programs and ap-
7 proaches in States, units of local government, and
8 foreign countries; and

9 (2) consult with relevant reuse and refill system
10 stakeholders.

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