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114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Outdoor Recreation’s
5 Economic Contributions Act of 2016” or the “Outdoor
6 REC Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS OF OUTDOOR RECRE-**
2 **ATION ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS.—The Secretary of
4 Commerce, acting through the Director of the Bureau of
5 Economic Analysis, shall conduct an assessment and anal-
6 ysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United
7 States and the effects attributable to such economy on the
8 overall economy of the United States.

9 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the assess-
10 ment under subsection (a), the Secretary may consider
11 employment, sales, and contributions to travel and tour-
12 ism, and such other contributing components of the out-
13 door recreation economy of the United States as the Sec-
14 retary considers appropriate.

15 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the assessment
16 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the
17 following:

18 (1) The heads of such agencies and offices of
19 the Federal Government as the Secretary considers
20 appropriate, including the Secretary of Agriculture,
21 the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bu-
22 reau of the Census, and the Commissioner of the
23 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

24 (2) Representatives of businesses, including
25 small business concerns, that engage in commerce in

1 the outdoor recreation economy of the United
2 States.

3 (d) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
5 2016, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the
6 appropriate committees of Congress a report on the
7 findings of the Secretary with respect to the assess-
8 ment conducted under subsection (a).

9 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
10 GRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate
11 committees of Congress” includes the following:

12 (A) The Committee on Commerce, Science,
13 and Transportation, the Committee on Environ-
14 ment and Public Works, the Committee on En-
15 ergy and Natural Resources, and the Com-
16 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
17 of the Senate.

18 (B) The Committee on Energy and Com-
19 merce and the Committee on Small Business of
20 the House of Representatives.

21 (e) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.—In this
22 section, the term “small business concern” has the mean-
23 ing given such term under section 3 of the Small Business
24 Act (15 U.S.C. 632).