

114TH CONGRESS
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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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
5 Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2015”.

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

8 (a) ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS.—The Secretary of
9 Commerce, acting through the Director of the Bureau of

1 Economic Analysis, shall conduct an assessment and anal-
2 ysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United
3 States and the effects attributable to such economy on the
4 overall economy of the United States.

5 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the assess-
6 ment required by subsection (a), the Secretary may con-
7 sider employment, sales, and contributions to travel and
8 tourism, and such other contributing components of the
9 outdoor recreation economy of the United States as the
10 Secretary considers appropriate.

11 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the assessment
12 required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with
13 the following:

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

20 (2) Representatives of businesses, including
21 small business concerns, that engage in commerce in
22 the outdoor recreation economy of the United
23 States.

24 (d) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
2 2016, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the
3 appropriate committees of Congress a report on the
4 findings of the Secretary with respect to the assess-
5 ment conducted under subsection (a).

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

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

15 (B) The Committee on Energy and Com-
16 merce and the Committee on Small Business of
17 the House of Representatives.

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