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H. R. 10474

To require an annual report on the costs to the Department of State associated with producing required reports, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2024

Mr. CASTRO of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Department of State
5 Reporting Requirements Cost Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF COST ASSOCIATED WITH PRO-**
7 **DUCING REPORTS.**

8 (a) ESTIMATED COST OF REPORTS.—Beginning on
9 October 1, 2026, and for the next three fiscal years, the
10 Secretary of State shall require that any report produced

1 for external distribution, including for distribution to Con-
2 gress, includes the total estimated cost of producing such
3 report and the estimated number of personnel hours.

4 (b) ANNUAL TOTAL COST OF REPORTS.—Not later
5 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, beginning
6 with fiscal year 2025, and for the next three fiscal years,
7 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congres-
8 sional committees and the Committee on Appropriations
9 of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the
10 House of Representatives an annual report listing the re-
11 ports issued for the prior fiscal year, the frequency of each
12 report, the total estimated cost associated with producing
13 such report, and the estimated number of personnel hours.

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