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H. R. 3107

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation.

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 “Improving Outdoor
5 Recreation Coordination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON OUTDOOR**
7 **RECREATION.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 200102 of title 54,
9 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
2 paragraphs (4) and (5) respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting before paragraph (4), as so re-
4 designated, the following:

5 “(1) COUNCIL.—The term ‘Council’ means the
6 Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation
7 established under section 200104.

8 “(2) FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—
9 The term ‘Federal land management agency’ has the
10 meaning given the term in section 802 of the Fed-
11 eral Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
12 6801).

13 “(3) FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS AND
14 WATERS.—The term ‘Federal recreational lands and
15 waters’ has the meaning given the term in section
16 802 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
17 Act (16 U.S.C. 6801).”.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL.—Section 200104
19 of title 54, United States Code, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **“§ 200104. Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor
22 Recreation**

23 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
24 lish an interagency council, to be known as the ‘Federal
25 Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation’.

1 “(b) COMPOSITION.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall be com-
3 posed of representatives of each of the following
4 agencies, to be appointed by the head of the respec-
5 tive agency:

6 “(A) The National Park Service.

7 “(B) The Bureau of Land Management.

8 “(C) The United States Fish and Wildlife
9 Service.

10 “(D) The Bureau of Indian Affairs.

11 “(E) The Bureau of Reclamation.

12 “(F) The Forest Service.

13 “(G) The Corps of Engineers.

14 “(H) The National Marine Fisheries Serv-
15 ice.

16 “(2) ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.—In addition
17 to the members of the Council appointed under
18 paragraph (1), the Secretary may invite participa-
19 tion in the Council’s meetings or other activities
20 from representatives of the following:

21 “(A) The Council on Environmental Qual-
22 ity.

23 “(B) The Natural Resources Conservation
24 Service.

1 “(C) Rural development programs of the
2 Department of Agriculture.

3 “(D) The National Center for Chronic Dis-
4 ease Prevention and Health Promotion.

5 “(E) The Environmental Protection Agen-
6 cy.

7 “(F) The Department of Transportation,
8 including the Federal Highway Administration.

9 “(G) The Tennessee Valley Authority.

10 “(H) The Department of Commerce, in-
11 cluding—

12 “(i) the Bureau of Economic Analysis;

13 “(ii) the National Oceanic and Atmos-
14 pheric Administration;

15 “(iii) the National Travel and Tour-
16 ism Office; and

17 “(iv) the Economic Development Ad-
18 ministration.

19 “(I) The Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
20 mission.

21 “(J) An applicable State agency or office.

22 “(K) An applicable agency or office of a
23 local government.

24 “(3) STATE COORDINATION.—In determining
25 additional participants under this subsection, the

1 Secretary shall seek to ensure that States are invited
2 and represented in the Council’s meetings or other
3 activities.

4 “(4) LEADERSHIP.—The leadership of the
5 Council shall rotate annually among the Council
6 members appointed under paragraph (1), or as oth-
7 erwise determined by the Secretary in consultation
8 with the Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, and
9 Commerce.

10 “(5) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding section 708
11 of title VII of division E of the Consolidated Appro-
12 priations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328), the
13 Council members appointed under paragraph (1)
14 may enter into agreements to share the management
15 and operational costs of the Council.

16 “(c) COORDINATION.—The Council shall meet as fre-
17 quently as appropriate for the purposes of coordinating—

18 “(1) recreation management policies across
19 Federal agencies, including implementation of the
20 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
21 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.);

22 “(2) the response by Federal land management
23 agencies to public health emergencies or other emer-
24 gencies that result in disruptions to, or closures of,
25 Federal recreational lands and waters;

1 “(3) the expenditure of funds relating to out-
2 door recreation on Federal recreational lands and
3 waters, including funds made available under section
4 40804(b)(7) of the Infrastructure Investment and
5 Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592a(b)(7));

6 “(4) the adoption and expansion of emerging
7 technologies on Federal recreational lands and
8 waters;

9 “(5) research activities, including quantifying
10 the economic impacts of recreation;

11 “(6) dissemination to the public of recreation-
12 related information (including information relating
13 to opportunities, reservations, accessibility, and clo-
14 sures), in a manner that ensures the recreation-re-
15 lated information is easily accessible with modern
16 communication devices;

17 “(7) the improvement of access to Federal rec-
18 reational lands and waters; and

19 “(8) the identification and engagement of part-
20 ners outside the Federal Government—

21 “(A) to promote outdoor recreation;

22 “(B) to facilitate collaborative management
23 of outdoor recreation; and

1 “(C) to provide additional resources relat-
2 ing to enhancing outdoor recreation opportuni-
3 ties.

4 “(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects the
5 authorities, regulations, or policies of any Federal agency
6 described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b).”.

7 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for chapter 2001 of title 54, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking the item relating to section 200104
10 and inserting the following:

“200104. Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation”.

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