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# H. R. 4557

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois (for himself, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## 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 “Preserve Science in  
5 Policymaking Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COM-**  
2 **MITTEES.**

3 Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
4 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by inserting at the end the  
5 following new subsection:

6 “(d) An advisory committee created under para-  
7 graphs (1) or (2) of section 9(a) may not be terminated  
8 by the President, the head of an agency, or any officer  
9 of the Federal Government before the end of the charter  
10 of the advisory committee unless—

11 “(1) the termination is authorized by law; or

12 “(2) the termination is unanimously approved  
13 by the Chief Data Officer, Chief Evaluation Officer,  
14 and Chief Information Officer of the relevant agen-  
15 cy.

16 “(e) Before the termination of an advisory committee  
17 under subsection (d)(2) and not later than 60 days before  
18 the date on which the advisory committee is scheduled to  
19 be terminated, the head of the relevant agency shall sub-  
20 mit to Congress a notification of such termination and  
21 provide for a public notice and comment period.”.

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