

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5356

To amend the America COMPETES Act to strengthen reporting requirements relating to deficiencies in Federal research infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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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 “Federal Labs Mod-  
5 ernization Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FED-**  
7 **ERAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1007(c)(1) of the America  
9 COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 6619(c)(1)) is amended by

1 inserting “and funding for research infrastructure” after  
2 “research infrastructure”.

3 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days and  
4 every 2 years thereafter, the Comptroller General shall  
5 submit to Congress a report that includes—

6 (1) an assessment of the current state of Fed-  
7 eral science facilities and related infrastructure, in-  
8 cluding with respect to climate control systems, the  
9 functionality of equipment and the usage of such  
10 equipment, the quality of buildings in which such fa-  
11 cilities are housed (including the resiliency of such  
12 buildings to changes in climate, weather, and nat-  
13 ural surroundings), and the safety of the materials  
14 used in construction of facilities;

15 (2) an identification of the facilities in most  
16 critical need of repair or renovation;

17 (3) the estimated costs of completing such re-  
18 pairs or renovations; and

19 (4) an evaluation of whether facility occupancy  
20 is sufficient to meet agency demands.

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