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To require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Good Accounting Obli-
5 gation in Government Act” or the “GAO-IG Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT AC-**
2 **COUNTABILITY OFFICE AND INSPECTOR GEN-**
3 **ERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “agency”
5 means—

6 (1) a designated Federal entity, as defined in
7 section 8G(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of
8 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.); and

9 (2) an establishment, as defined in section
10 12(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
11 U.S.C. App.).

12 (b) REQUIRED REPORTS.—In the annual budget jus-
13 tification submitted to Congress, as submitted with the
14 budget of the President under section 1105 of title 31,
15 United States Code, each agency shall include—

16 (1) a report listing each public recommendation
17 of the Government Accountability Office that is clas-
18 sified by the Government Accountability Office as
19 “open” or “closed, unimplemented” as of the date
20 on which the annual budget justification is sub-
21 mitted;

22 (2) a report listing each public recommendation
23 for corrective action from the Office of Inspector
24 General of the agency for which no final action has
25 been taken as of the date on which the annual budg-
26 et justification is submitted; and

1 (3) a report on the implementation status of
2 each public recommendation described in paragraphs
3 (1) and (2), which shall include—

4 (A) with respect to a public recommenda-
5 tion that is classified by the Government Ac-
6 countability Office as “open” or “closed,
7 unimplemented”—

8 (i) that the agency has decided not to
9 implement, a detailed justification for the
10 decision; or

11 (ii) that the agency has decided to
12 adopt, a timeline for full implementation;

13 (B) with respect to a public recommenda-
14 tion for corrective action from the Office of In-
15 spector General of the agency for which no final
16 action or action not recommended has been
17 taken, an explanation of the reasons why no
18 final action or action not recommended was
19 taken with respect to each audit report to which
20 the public recommendation for corrective action
21 pertains;

22 (C) with respect to an outstanding
23 unimplemented public recommendation from the
24 Office of Inspector General of the agency that

1 the agency has decided to adopt, a timeline for
2 implementation; and

3 (D) an explanation for any discrepancy be-
4 tween—

5 (i) the reports submitted under para-
6 graphs (1) and (2);

7 (ii) the semiannual reports submitted
8 by the Office of Inspector General of the
9 agency under section 5 of the Inspector
10 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.); and

11 (iii) reports submitted by the Govern-
12 ment Accountability Office relating to pub-
13 lic recommendations that are classified by
14 the Government Accountability Office as
15 “open” or “closed, unimplemented”.

16 (c) COPIES OF SUBMISSIONS.—Each agency shall
17 provide a copy of the information submitted under sub-
18 section (b) to the Government Accountability Office and
19 the Office of Inspector General of the agency.

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