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# H. R. 8593

To direct the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy to develop a plan to collect and publish statistics regarding the Territories of the United States in the same manner as statistics are collected and reported by Federal agencies for the several States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2022

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. SABLÁN, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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

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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 “Territories Statistics  
5       Collection Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING U.S. TERRITORIES IN FEDERAL STATIS-**  
2 **TICAL PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 6 months after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of the Inter-  
5 agency Council on Statistical Policy shall publish a list  
6 and assessment of existing Federal statistical programs  
7 that collect and publish data for the U.S. Territories com-  
8 parable to the several States. The assessment under this  
9 subsection shall include the following:

10 (1) For each statistical program where a com-  
11 parable program for the U.S. Territories does not  
12 exist, an explanation as to why the program does not  
13 include the U.S. Territories.

14 (2) Impediments to data collection, analysis,  
15 and publishing with respect to the U.S. Territories.

16 (3) A detailed description of the level of local  
17 government participation required in Federal statis-  
18 tical programs.

19 (b) PLAN.—Not later than 12 months after the date  
20 of the enactment of this Act, the head of the Interagency  
21 Council on Statistical Policy shall submit to the Com-  
22 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-  
23 tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
24 sources of the Senate a plan to collect and publish statis-  
25 ties regarding the U.S. Territories in the same manner

1 as statistics are collected and reported by Federal agencies  
2 for the several States. The plan shall include—

3 (1) recommendations for including the U.S.  
4 Territories in Federal statistical programs; and

5 (2) cost estimates for Federal and local govern-  
6 ments for necessary changes to implement the rec-  
7 ommendations under paragraph (1).

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
9 of the enactment of this Act, and every 12 months there-  
10 after until the plan is fully implemented, the head of the  
11 Interagency Council on Statistical Policy shall submit to  
12 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
14 Resources of the Senate a report that includes—

15 (1) a description of the plan developed under  
16 subsection (a); and

17 (2) information on the implementation of such  
18 plan.

19 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 4 years after  
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of the  
21 Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, in coordination  
22 with the heads of appropriate Federal agencies, shall fully  
23 implement the plan developed under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 3. U.S. TERRITORIES DEFINED.**

2       For the purposes of this Act, the term “U.S. Terri-  
3       tories” means American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the  
4       Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the  
5       Virgin Islands of the United States.

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