

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7593

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a clearinghouse to assist economic development activities in capacity-constrained communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2022

Mr. TONKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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

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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 “Access for All Commu-
5 nities Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RE-**
2 **SOURCE CLEARINGHOUSE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of
5 Commerce, acting through the Economic Development Ad-
6 ministration, shall establish, and make publicly available
7 on the website of the Department of Commerce, a clear-
8 inghouse to be known as the Economic Development Re-
9 source Clearinghouse (hereinafter referred to as the
10 “Clearinghouse”) for the purpose described in subsection
11 (b).

12 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Clearinghouse
13 shall be to increase awareness of Federal and State pro-
14 grams, grants, loans, loan guarantees, and other assist-
15 ance that the Secretary determines can assist economic
16 development activities in capacity-constrained commu-
17 nities.

18 (c) MAINTENANCE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, as ap-
20 propriate, maintain the Clearinghouse established
21 under subsection (a).

22 (2) PERIODIC UPDATES.—In maintaining the
23 Clearinghouse, the Secretary shall, not less than
24 once per calendar year and as often as is necessary
25 to reflect up-to-date information, update the Clear-
26 inghouse to address changes to available resources

1 and changes to the needs of capacity-constrained
2 communities, as determined appropriate by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 (d) CONSULTATION.—In establishing and maintain-
5 ing the Clearinghouse, the Secretary shall consult with
6 such Federal agencies as considered appropriate by the
7 Secretary.

8 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
10 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress, and
11 make publicly available, a report on—

12 (1) the availability of resources for capacity-
13 constrained communities;

14 (2) efforts to publicize the Clearinghouse for ca-
15 pacity-constrained communities and the results of
16 those efforts; and

17 (3) recommendations on policy action to coordi-
18 nate and facilitate strategic economic development,
19 regional planning, capacity building, and technical
20 assistance in capacity-constrained communities.

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