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# H. CON. RES. 32

Establishing the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking to review, analyze, and make recommendations to Congress to promote the use of Federal data for evidence-building and evidence-based policymaking, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIMMONS (for himself, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. PETERSEN, and Mr. BACON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government 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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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Establishing the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking to review, analyze, and make recommendations to Congress to promote the use of Federal data for evidence-building and evidence-based policymaking, and for other purposes.

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2        *concurring),*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This concurrent resolution may be cited as the “Con-  
5        gressional Evidence-Based Policymaking Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION ON EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
3 legislative branch the Commission on Evidence-Based Pol-  
4 icymaking (in this section referred to as the “Commis-  
5 sion”) to review, analyze, and make recommendations with  
6 respect to promoting the use of Federal data for evidence-  
7 building and evidence-based policymaking.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-  
9 posed of 12 members, appointed not later than 45 days  
10 after the date of the adoption of this resolution, as follows:

11 (1) Three shall be appointed by the Speaker of  
12 the House of Representatives, of whom—

13 (A) one shall be an academic researcher  
14 specializing in Congress, social science, or data  
15 science;

16 (B) one shall be a former Member or sen-  
17 ior staffer of the House; and

18 (C) one shall be an employee of an office  
19 that participates in the Congressional Data  
20 Task Force or other legislative branch support  
21 agency as appropriate for the purposes of  
22 studying and developing the recommendations  
23 under subsection (g).

24 (2) Three shall be appointed by the minority  
25 leader of the House of Representatives, of whom—

1 (A) one shall be an academic researcher  
2 specializing in Congress, social science, or data  
3 science;

4 (B) one shall be a former Member or sen-  
5 ior staffer of the House; and

6 (C) one shall be an employee of an office  
7 that participates in the Congressional Data  
8 Task Force or other legislative branch support  
9 agency as appropriate for the purposes of  
10 studying and developing the recommendations  
11 under subsection (g).

12 (3) Three shall be appointed by the majority  
13 leader of the Senate, of whom—

14 (A) one shall be an academic researcher  
15 specializing in Congress, social science, or data  
16 science;

17 (B) one shall be a former Member or sen-  
18 ior staffer of the Senate; and

19 (C) one shall be an employee of an office  
20 that participates in the Congressional Data  
21 Task Force or other legislative branch support  
22 agency as appropriate for the purposes of  
23 studying and developing the recommendations  
24 under subsection (g).

1           (4) Three shall be appointed by the minority  
2 leader of the Senate, of whom—

3           (A) one shall be an academic researcher  
4 specializing in Congress, social science, or data  
5 science;

6           (B) one shall be a former Member or sen-  
7 ior staffer of the Senate; and

8           (C) one shall be an employee of an office  
9 that participates in the Congressional Data  
10 Task Force or other legislative branch support  
11 agency as appropriate for the purposes of  
12 studying and developing the recommendations  
13 under subsection (g).

14       (c) PROHIBITION AGAINST SERVICE BY CURRENT  
15 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—An individual is not eligible to  
16 serve on the Commission if the individual is a current  
17 Member of Congress (including a Delegate or Resident  
18 Commissioner to the Congress).

19       (d) CO-CHAIRS.—The Speaker of the House of Rep-  
20 resentatives and the majority leader of the Senate shall  
21 each select one member of the Commission to serve as co-  
22 chairs.

23       (e) TERMS; VACANCIES.—Each member shall be ap-  
24 pointed for the duration of the Commission. Any vacancy  
25 in the Commission shall not affect its powers, and shall

1 be filled in the manner in which the original appointment  
2 was made.

3 (f) STAFF.—

4 (1) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall have a  
5 Director who shall be appointed jointly by the co-  
6 chairs. The Director shall be paid at a rate of pay  
7 established by the co-chairs, not to exceed the an-  
8 nual rate of basic pay payable for level V of the Ex-  
9 ecutive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5,  
10 United States Code.

11 (2) OTHER STAFF.—The Director may appoint  
12 and fix the pay of not more than 8 full-time equiva-  
13 lent employees and 4 part-time employees.

14 (3) COVERAGE UNDER CONGRESSIONAL AC-  
15 COUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.—For purposes of the  
16 Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.  
17 1301 et seq.)—

18 (A) the Commission shall be treated as an  
19 employing office under the Act; and

20 (B) an employee of the Commission shall  
21 be treated as a covered employee under the Act.

22 (4) DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.—At the request of  
23 the Commission, an employee of an office of the  
24 House of Representatives or Senate may be detailed

1 to the Commission to assist the Commission with  
2 carrying out its duties.

3 (g) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall study  
5 and consider approval of applicable recommenda-  
6 tions with respect to evidence-based policymaking  
7 within the Federal Government, including—

8 (A) how Congress may encourage Federal  
9 agencies to produce and prioritize evidence on  
10 effectiveness for major new programs and reau-  
11 thorizations, consistent with the Foundations  
12 for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018  
13 (Public Law 115–435) and the amendments  
14 made by such Act;

15 (B) how Congress may encourage Federal  
16 agencies to support States in making data more  
17 open and accessible, in a manner similar to that  
18 provided under the Foundations for Evidence-  
19 Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Public Law  
20 115–435) and the amendments made by such  
21 Act;

22 (C) how Congress can revise existing laws  
23 or enact new laws to improve access to adminis-  
24 trative and survey data for evidence building;

1 (D) how to incorporate evidence such as  
2 outcomes measurement, rigorous impact anal-  
3 ysis, and implementation-aligned language into  
4 the lawmaking process;

5 (E) how Congress can access and incor-  
6 porate real-time, structured, integrated, and  
7 machine-readable data into the lawmaking pro-  
8 cess;

9 (F) the potential need for and duties of a  
10 congressional Chief Data Officer, including  
11 whether the officer should be located in a  
12 stand-alone office or housed within another ex-  
13 isting agency and how such an office would  
14 function with existing data and transformation  
15 units in Congress; and

16 (G) ways to increase data and data privacy  
17 expertise in Congress through the incorporation  
18 of technologists, data scientists, data analysts,  
19 privacy experts, social scientists, and engineers  
20 to assist in policy evaluation and legislative  
21 drafting.

22 (2) ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—Any  
23 recommendation considered by the Commission shall  
24 only be considered adopted by the Commission upon

1 receiving the votes of at least two-thirds of the mem-  
2 bers of the Commission.

3 (h) REPORTS.—

4 (1) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Commission may  
5 submit to the Speaker of the House and the major-  
6 ity leader of the Senate interim reports containing  
7 such findings, conclusions, and recommendations as  
8 have been agreed to by at least two-thirds of the  
9 members of the Commission.

10 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than the final  
11 day of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, the  
12 Commission shall submit a report to the Speaker of  
13 the House and the majority leader of the Senate on  
14 the activities and findings of the Commission.

15 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
17 necessary to carry out this section, of which—

18 (1) 50 percent shall be derived from the appli-  
19 cable accounts of the House of Representatives; and

20 (2) 50 percent shall be derived from the contin-  
21 gent fund of the Senate.

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