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To establish a task force to conduct oversight of States with rising housing costs and develop a list of best practices for States to implement, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Bring Down Housing
5 Costs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE ON BRINGING**
7 **DOWN HOUSING COSTS.**

8 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
9 shall establish a task force to be known as the “Task

1 Force on Bringing Down Housing Costs” (in this Act re-
2 ferred to as the “Task Force”).

3 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE.**

4 (a) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall—

5 (1) conduct oversight of States with rising
6 housing costs;

7 (2) not later than one year after conducting an
8 initial meeting under section 3(h), identify States
9 with rising housing costs and develop best practices
10 for such States to address rising housing costs;

11 (3) develop a report based on the best practices
12 identified under paragraph (2);

13 (4) recommend that States identified under
14 paragraph (2) implement these best practices devel-
15 oped under paragraph (2); and

16 (5) monitor the implementation and effective-
17 ness of the best practices developed under paragraph
18 (2) in States with rising housing costs.

19 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

20 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Task Force
21 shall be composed of 21 members as follows:

22 (1) Two members of the Senate, including—

23 (A) one member on the Senate Committee
24 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and

1 (B) one member on the Senate Appropria-
2 tions Subcommittee on Transportation, Hous-
3 ing and Urban Development, and Related Agen-
4 cies.

5 (2) 12 members of the House of Representa-
6 tives, including—

7 (A) one member who represents HUD Re-
8 gion I;

9 (B) one member who represents HUD Re-
10 gion II;

11 (C) one member who represents HUD Re-
12 gion III;

13 (D) one member who represents HUD Re-
14 gion IV;

15 (E) one member who represents HUD Re-
16 gion V;

17 (F) one member who represents HUD Re-
18 gion VI;

19 (G) one member who represents HUD Re-
20 gion VII;

21 (H) one member who represents HUD Re-
22 gion VIII;

23 (I) one member who represents HUD Re-
24 gion IX;

1 (J) one member who represents HUD Re-
2 gion X;

3 (K) one member from the House Financial
4 Services Committee; and

5 (L) one member from the House Appro-
6 priations Subcommittee on Transportation,
7 Housing and Urban Development, and Related
8 Agencies.

9 (b) A designee of the Secretary of Housing and
10 Urban Development.

11 (c) A designee of the Director of the Federal Housing
12 Finance Agency.

13 (d) A designee of the Administrator of the U.S. De-
14 partment of Agriculture Rural Housing Service.

15 (e) Two members from local community organizations
16 impacted by, or that provide resources or relief to individ-
17 uals impacted by, rising housing costs.

18 (f) Two representatives of private sector entities, in-
19 cluding—

20 (1) one representative from a private sector en-
21 tity with expertise navigating local zoning regula-
22 tions to build housing; and

23 (2) one representative from a private sector en-
24 tity with expertise providing financial products to
25 build housing.

1 (g) CHAIRPERSON; VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Chair-
2 person and Vice Chairperson of the Task Force shall be
3 elected by the members of the Task Force.

4 (h) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet one
5 month after the enactment of this Act, and on a quarterly
6 basis thereafter, until the report required under section
7 4 is complete.

8 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

9 Not later than one year and yearly thereafter until
10 the Task Force terminated under section 5, the Task
11 Force shall submit the report required under section 2
12 to—

13 (1) the Governors of States with rising housing
14 costs;

15 (2) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
16 opment;

17 (3) the Director of the Federal Housing Fi-
18 nance Agency;

19 (4) the Commissioner of the Federal Housing
20 Administration;

21 (5) the Under Secretary for the U.S. Depart-
22 ment of Agriculture Rural Development;

23 (6) the Committee on Financial Services of the
24 House of Representatives;

1 (7) the Committee on Appropriations of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 (8) the Committee on Banking, Housing and
4 Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

5 (9) the Committee on Appropriations of the
6 Senate.

7 **SEC. 6. TERMINATION.**

8 This Task Force shall terminate five years after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 7. STATES WITH RISING HOUSING COSTS DEFINED.**

11 In this Act, the term “States with rising housing
12 costs” means States which have a year-over-year increase
13 in median existing home prices as collected by the Assist-
14 ant Secretary of the Office of Policy Development and Re-
15 search at the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
16 ment.

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