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# H. R. 8345

To establish the Economy of the Future Commission, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2026

Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Ms. JACOBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Government Reform, and Education and Workforce, 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 “Economy of the Future  
5       Commission Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE COMMISSION.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) APPLICABLE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
2 MITTEE.—The term “applicable congressional com-  
3 mittee” means any of the following committees:

4           (A) The Committee on Armed Services, the  
5 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
6 portation, the Committee on Health, Education,  
7 Labor, and Pensions, the Committee on Fi-  
8 nance, the Committee on Homeland Security  
9 and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee  
10 on Appropriations of the Senate.

11           (B) The Committee on Armed Services,  
12 the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the  
13 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,  
14 the Committee on Education and Workforce,  
15 the Committee on Ways and Means, the Com-  
16 mittee on Homeland Security, and the Com-  
17 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives.

19           (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term “ar-  
20 tificial intelligence” has the meaning given the term  
21 in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence  
22 Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

23           (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
24 means the Economy of the Future Commission es-  
25 tablished under subsection (b).

1           (4) CONGRESSIONAL LEADER.—The term “con-  
2           gressional leader” means the majority leader of the  
3           Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
4           tives, the minority leader of the Senate, or the mi-  
5           nority leader of the House of Representatives.

6           (5) NAICS.—The term “NAICS” means the  
7           North American Industry Classification System.

8           (b) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the legisla-  
9           tive branch a commission to develop consensus legislative  
10          recommendations addressing economic changes caused by  
11          the adoption of artificial intelligence, to be known as the  
12          “Economy of the Future Commission”.

13          (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

14               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
15          composed of the following members:

16                       (A) 12 members appointed by Congress in  
17                       accordance with paragraph (2), of whom—

18                               (i) the majority leader of the Senate  
19                               and the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
20                               resentatives shall each appoint 3 members;  
21                               and

22                               (ii) the minority leader of the Senate  
23                               and the minority leader of the House of  
24                               Representatives shall each appoint 3 mem-  
25                               bers.

1           (B) The Deputy Secretary of Education,  
2 as a nonvoting member.

3           (C) The Deputy Secretary of Labor, as a  
4 nonvoting member.

5           (D) The Deputy Secretary of Commerce,  
6 as a nonvoting member.

7           (E) The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury,  
8 as a nonvoting member.

9           (2) CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTEES.—Each con-  
10 gressional leader making appointments under para-  
11 graph (1) shall—

12           (A) appoint 1 member who is serving as a  
13 Member of the house of Congress in which the  
14 congressional leader serves and is a member of  
15 an applicable congressional committee; and

16           (B) for any remaining appointments, ap-  
17 point an individual who is not serving in Con-  
18 gress and who is nationally recognized for ex-  
19 pertise, knowledge, or experience in—

20                   (i) artificial intelligence technology;

21                   (ii) education;

22                   (iii) workforce retraining; or

23                   (iv) taxation.

1           (3) APPOINTMENT.—Members of the Commis-  
2           sion shall be appointed not later than 45 days after  
3           the date of the enactment of this Act.

4           (4) ETHICS.—A congressional leader who ap-  
5           points members of the Commission may not appoint  
6           an individual as a member of the Commission if  
7           such individual possesses any personal or financial  
8           interest in the discharge of any of the duties of the  
9           Commission.

10          (d) CO-CHAIRS.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall have  
12           2 co-chairs, selected jointly by the congressional  
13           leaders from among the members of the Commission  
14           in accordance with paragraph (2).

15           (2) CO-CHAIR REQUIREMENTS.—One co-chair of  
16           the Commission shall be a member of the Demo-  
17           cratic Party, and one co-chair shall be a member of  
18           the Republican Party. One co-chair of the Commis-  
19           sion shall be a Member of the House of Representa-  
20           tives and one co-chair shall be a Senator.

21          (e) MEETINGS; QUORUM; VACANCIES.—

22           (1) INITIAL MEETING.—The Commission shall  
23           hold its initial meeting on or before the date that is  
24           60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1           (2) ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.—After its initial  
2 meeting, the Commission shall meet upon the call of  
3 the co-chairs of the Commission.

4           (3) QUORUM.—7 members of the Commission  
5 shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting  
6 business, except that 2 members of the Commission  
7 shall constitute a quorum for purposes of receiving  
8 testimony.

9           (4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commis-  
10 sion shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in  
11 the same manner in which the original appointment  
12 was made.

13           (5) QUORUM WITH VACANCIES.—If vacancies in  
14 the Commission occur on any day after 45 days  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, a  
16 quorum shall consist of a majority of the members  
17 of the Commission as of such day.

18           (f) ACTIONS OF COMMISSION.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall act by  
20 resolution agreed to by a majority of the members  
21 of the Commission voting and present.

22           (2) PANELS.—The Commission may establish  
23 panels composed of less than the full membership of  
24 the Commission for purposes of carrying out the du-  
25 ties of the Commission under this section. The ac-

1 tions of any such panel shall be subject to the review  
2 and control of the Commission. Any findings and de-  
3 terminations made by such a panel shall not be con-  
4 sidered the findings and determinations of the Com-  
5 mission unless approved by the Commission.

6 (3) DELEGATION.—Any member, agent, or staff  
7 of the Commission may, if authorized by the co-  
8 chairs of the Commission, take any action which the  
9 Commission is authorized to take pursuant to this  
10 section.

11 (g) DUTIES.—The duties of the Commission are—

12 (1) in general, to develop consensus legislative  
13 recommendations addressing economic changes  
14 caused by the adoption of artificial intelligence;

15 (2) to evaluate the effectiveness of, and develop  
16 consensus legislative recommendations that address  
17 and respond to the economic changes caused by, the  
18 adoption of artificial intelligence, including the effec-  
19 tiveness and economic changes of that adoption  
20 for—

21 (A) government data, research, and meas-  
22 urement;

23 (B) workforce development programs;

1 (C) kindergarten through grade 12 public  
2 education, career and technical education, and  
3 higher education; and

4 (D) social safety net programs and worker  
5 support;

6 (3) to develop consensus legislative rec-  
7 ommendations addressing—

8 (A) the development of standards and  
9 metrics to evaluate and address artificial intel-  
10 ligence adoption across the Federal Govern-  
11 ment, including standards and metrics to iden-  
12 tify and address artificial intelligence-specific  
13 skill and training needs across the Federal  
14 workforce;

15 (B) the relative merits of open-source and  
16 open-weight models of artificial intelligence for  
17 suitability for small- and medium-sized busi-  
18 nesses and the use of open-source and open-  
19 weight models to improve the efficiency of gov-  
20 ernment operations;

21 (C) the potential for a national Federal ar-  
22 tificial intelligence research investment strategy;

23 (D) public and private sector partnerships  
24 to increase research access by academic institu-  
25 tions and small businesses to private sector

1 computing, models, data, and software re-  
2 sources related to artificial intelligence;

3 (E) developing and scaling foundational  
4 manufacturing technologies related to artificial  
5 intelligence through government programs and  
6 public-private partnerships such as the Hollings  
7 Manufacturing Extension Program established  
8 under section 25(b) of the National Institute of  
9 Standards and Technologies Act (15 U.S.C.  
10 278k);

11 (F) supply chain and manufacturing chal-  
12 lenges to developing emerging technologies that  
13 are projected to heavily utilize artificial intel-  
14 ligence, such as robotics;

15 (G) the need for public and private sector  
16 collaboration in developing cloud computing-  
17 based laboratories for furthering research into  
18 key technology focus areas, as defined in section  
19 10387(c) of the Research and Development,  
20 Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 19107(c)), utilizing artificial intelligence;

22 (H) changes to transportation safety poli-  
23 cies and regulations caused by the adoption of  
24 artificial intelligence in land-, air-, and sea-  
25 based autonomous vehicles;

1 (I) energy generation, storage, and trans-  
2 mission demands caused by the development of  
3 the artificial intelligence industry and the con-  
4 struction and operation of domestic data cen-  
5 ters; and

6 (J) the use of artificial intelligence-enabled  
7 robotics in government (other than in the De-  
8 partment of Defense) and industry; and

9 (4) to prepare the reports required under sub-  
10 section (k).

11 (h) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission or, on the  
13 authorization of the Commission, any subcommittee  
14 or member of, the Commission may, for the purpose  
15 of carrying out the provisions of this section—

16 (A) hold such hearings and sit and act at  
17 such times and places, take such testimony, re-  
18 ceive such evidence, and administer such oaths;  
19 and

20 (B) require, by subpoena or otherwise, the  
21 attendance and testimony of such witnesses and  
22 the production of such books, records, cor-  
23 respondence, memoranda, papers, and docu-  
24 ments, as the Commission or such designated

1           subcommittee or designated member considers  
2           necessary.

3           (2) SUBPOENAS.—Subpoenas may be issued  
4           under paragraph (1)(B) under the signature of the  
5           co-chairs of the Commission, and may be served by  
6           any person designated by such co-chairs.

7           (3) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—The provisions of  
8           sections 102 through 104 of the Revised Statutes (2  
9           U.S.C. 192 through 194) shall apply in the case of  
10          any failure of a witness to comply with any sub-  
11          poena or to testify when summoned under authority  
12          of this section.

13          (4) CONTRACTING.—The Commission may, to  
14          such extent and in such amounts as are provided in  
15          advance in appropriation Acts, enter into contracts  
16          to enable the Commission to discharge its duties  
17          under this section.

18          (5) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

19                 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may  
20                 secure directly from any executive department,  
21                 agency, bureau, board, commission, office, inde-  
22                 pendent establishment, or instrumentality of the  
23                 Government information, suggestions, esti-  
24                 mates, and statistics for the purposes of this  
25                 section.

1 (B) RESPONSE.—Each such department,  
2 agency, bureau, board, commission, office, es-  
3 tablishment, or instrumentality shall, to the ex-  
4 tent authorized by law, furnish such informa-  
5 tion, suggestions, estimates, and statistics di-  
6 rectly to the Commission, upon request of the  
7 co-chairs of the Commission.

8 (C) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The  
9 Commission shall handle and protect all classi-  
10 fied information provided to it under this sec-  
11 tion in accordance with applicable statutes and  
12 regulations.

13 (6) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Federal departments  
15 and agencies may provide the Commission such  
16 services, funds, facilities, staff, and other sup-  
17 port as such departments and agencies consider  
18 advisable and as may be authorized by law.

19 (B) COOPERATION.—The Commission shall  
20 receive the full and timely cooperation of any  
21 official, department, or agency of the Federal  
22 Government whose assistance is necessary, as  
23 jointly determined by the co-chairs, for the ful-  
24 fillment of the duties of the Commission, in-

1 including the provision of full and current brief-  
2 ings and analyses.

3 (7) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may  
4 use the United States postal services in the same  
5 manner and under the same conditions as the de-  
6 partments and agencies of the United States.

7 (8) GIFTS.—

8 (A) NO GIFTS FOR SERVICE.—No member  
9 or staff of the Commission may receive a gift  
10 or benefit by reason of the service of such mem-  
11 ber or staff to the Commission.

12 (B) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.—The  
13 Commission may accept, use, and dispose of  
14 gifts or donations of services or property (in-  
15 cluding goods) from non-Federal entities for the  
16 purposes of aiding and facilitating the work of  
17 the Commission. The authority in this subpara-  
18 graph does not extend to gifts of money.

19 (i) STAFF OF COMMISSION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Com-  
21 mission, in accordance with rules agreed upon by the  
22 Commission, shall appoint and fix the compensation  
23 of a staff director and such other personnel as may  
24 be necessary to enable the Commission to carry out  
25 its duties, without regard to the provisions of title

1 5, United States Code, governing appointments in  
2 the competitive service, and without regard to the  
3 provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-  
4 ter 53 of such title relating to classification and  
5 General Schedule pay rates, except that no rate of  
6 pay fixed under this subsection may exceed the  
7 equivalent of that payable to a person occupying a  
8 position at level V of the Executive Schedule under  
9 section 5316 of such title.

10 (2) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The co-  
11 chairs of the Commission may procure the services  
12 of experts and consultants in accordance with sec-  
13 tion 3109 of title 5, United States Code, as if the  
14 Commission were an agency described in that sec-  
15 tion, at rates for individuals that do not exceed the  
16 daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay pre-  
17 scribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under  
18 section 5315 of such title.

19 (3) DETAILEES.—Any Federal Government em-  
20 ployee may be detailed to the Commission without  
21 reimbursement from the Commission, and such  
22 detailee shall retain the rights, status, and privileges  
23 of his or her regular employment without interrup-  
24 tion.

25 (j) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

## 1 (1) COMPENSATION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
3 paragraph (2), each member of the Commission  
4 may be compensated at not to exceed the daily  
5 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay in ef-  
6 fect for a position at level IV of the Executive  
7 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United  
8 States Code, for each day during which that  
9 member is engaged in the actual performance of  
10 the duties of the Commission under this sec-  
11 tion.

12 (B) EXCLUSION.—Members of the Com-  
13 mission who are officers or employees of the  
14 United States or Members of Congress shall re-  
15 ceive no additional pay by reason of their serv-  
16 ice on the Commission.

17 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—While away from  
18 their homes or regular places of business in the per-  
19 formance of services for the Commission, members  
20 of the Commission may be allowed travel expenses,  
21 including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the  
22 same manner as persons employed intermittently in  
23 the Government service are allowed expenses under  
24 section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

25 (k) REPORTS.—

1           (1) INTERIM REPORT.—By not later than 7  
2 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
3 Commission shall issue an interim report, to be dis-  
4 seminated to the public, including—

5                   (A)(i) the initial estimates of changes in  
6 employment due to the adoption of artificial in-  
7 telligence for 5 years and 10 years after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, by 6-digit  
9 NAICS code; and

10                   (ii) the Commission’s level of confidence in  
11 such estimates;

12                   (B)(i) Federal revenue estimates for tax  
13 years beginning 5 and 10 years after the enact-  
14 ment of this Act; and

15                   (ii) commentary by the Commission on the  
16 likelihood that the adoption of artificial intel-  
17 ligence will increase or decrease revenue during  
18 each time period described in clause (i); and

19                   (C) a description of high-quality, free re-  
20 sources that the public can access to learn more  
21 about artificial intelligence and the effects that  
22 its wide adoption may have on the global econ-  
23 omy.

24           (2) FINAL REPORT.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—By not later than 13  
2 months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
3 the Commission shall prepare and submit a  
4 final report regarding the impact of the adop-  
5 tion of artificial intelligence that includes legis-  
6 lative recommendations on artificial intelligence  
7 education, reskilling of employees needed due to  
8 the adoption of artificial intelligence, unemploy-  
9 ment insurance, and taxation policy, and on  
10 maintaining global competitiveness in key in-  
11 dustries including technology and manufac-  
12 turing.

13           (B) SUBMISSION.—The report required  
14 under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted to  
15 the report to each of the applicable congress-  
16 sional committees and to the Secretary of  
17 Treasury, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of  
18 Labor, and Secretary of Education.

19           (C) ASSESSMENTS OF FINAL REPORT.—By  
20 not later than 60 days after the date on which  
21 the final report is submitted under subpara-  
22 graph (B), the Secretaries of Treasury, Com-  
23 merce, Labor, and Education shall individually  
24 submit an assessment of the final report to the  
25 applicable congressional committees.

1 (l) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE  
2 PROVISIONS.—

3 (1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The  
4 provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States  
5 Code (commonly referred to the “Federal Advisory  
6 Committee Act”), shall not apply to the activities of  
7 the Commission under this section.

8 (2) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.—The pro-  
9 visions of section 552 of title 5, United States Code  
10 (commonly referred to as the “Freedom of Informa-  
11 tion Act”), shall not apply to the activities (includ-  
12 ing proceedings) or records of the Commission under  
13 this section.

14 (m) TERMINATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, and all the  
16 authorities of this section, shall terminate on the  
17 last day of the 120-day period beginning on the date  
18 on which the final report described in subsection  
19 (k)(2) is submitted to the applicable congressional  
20 committees.

21 (2) CLOSING ACTIVITIES.—The Commission  
22 may use the 120-day period immediately preceding  
23 termination for the purposes of concluding its activi-  
24 ties, including providing testimony to Congress con-

1 cerning the final report described in subsection  
2 (k)(2) and disseminating the report.

3 (n) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of any  
4 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
5 \$5,250,000 to carry out this section, to remain available  
6 until the date on which the Commission terminates under  
7 subsection (m)(1).

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