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# S. 2685

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Reuse Excess Property  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title  
8 40, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in section 529, by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

1       “(c) COMPILATION OF DATA.—Not later than 180  
2 days following the close of a fiscal year, the Administrator  
3 shall compile the data in the reports submitted under sub-  
4 section (a) and publish a publicly available report on a  
5 centralized online website, which shall include—

6               “(1) the complete data provided in each report  
7 in a user-friendly format;

8               “(2) a summary of the findings of each report,  
9 including the aggregate dollar amount of personal  
10 property determined to be no longer required for the  
11 purpose of the appropriation used to make the pur-  
12 chase; and

13               “(3) any other recommendations from the Ad-  
14 ministrator.”; and

15               (2) by inserting after section 529 the following:

16 **“§ 530. Internal guidance on excess personal property**

17       “(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
18 after the date of enactment of this section, each executive  
19 agency shall submit to the Administrator and make pub-  
20 licly available on the website of the executive agency the  
21 internal guidance of the executive agency on considering  
22 using excess personal property to meet the needs of the  
23 executive agency, which shall include—

24               “(1) a requirement to consider excess personal  
25 property before buying new;

1           “(2) when it is practicable to check for and ob-  
2           tain excess personal property;

3           “(3) how to evaluate the suitability of excess  
4           personal property for use; and

5           “(4) defined roles and responsibilities relevant  
6           to considering the potential use of excess personal  
7           property, including the designation of an employee  
8           as responsible for searching through available excess  
9           personal property for items that meet the needs of  
10          the executive agency.

11          “(b) UPDATES.—Each executive agency shall submit  
12          to the Administrator and update on the website of the ex-  
13          ecutive agency any changes to the internal guidance sub-  
14          mitted and made available under subsection (a).”.

15          (b) REPORT ON INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—  
16          Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of  
17          this Act, the Administrator of General Services shall pub-  
18          lish a publicly available report on a centralized online  
19          website that includes a summary of findings from the  
20          interagency working group on the acquisition of personal  
21          property that was first convened in February 2023 on  
22          ways to improve the use of excess personal property.

23          (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
24          The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United

- 1 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
- 2 ing to section 529 the following:

“530. Internal guidance on excess personal property.”.

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