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# H. R. 1492

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. DAVIDSON (for himself, Mr. PALMER, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. PERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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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 “CBO Show Your Work  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**

2 **MODELS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Congressional  
4 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 653) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “The Director” and inserting  
6 the following:

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) PUBLICATION OF MODELS AND DATA.—The Di-  
10 rector of the Congressional Budget Office shall make  
11 available to Members of Congress and make publicly avail-  
12 able on the website of the Congressional Budget Office—

13 “(1) each fiscal model, policy model, and data  
14 preparation routine used by the Congressional Budg-  
15 et Office in estimating the costs and other fiscal, so-  
16 cial, or economic effects of legislation, including esti-  
17 mates prepared under subsection (a);

18 “(2) any update of a model or routine described  
19 in paragraph (1);

20 “(3) subject to paragraph (4), for each estimate  
21 of the costs and other fiscal effects of legislation, in-  
22 cluding estimates prepared under subsection (a), the  
23 data, programs, models, assumptions, and other de-  
24 tails of the computations used by the Congressional  
25 Budget Office in preparing the estimate, in a man-

1       ner sufficient to permit replication by individuals not  
2       employed by the Congressional Budget Office; and

3               “(4) for any data that is required not to be dis-  
4       closed by the Congressional Budget Office—

5               “(A) a complete list of all data variables  
6       for such data;

7               “(B) descriptive statistics for all data vari-  
8       ables for such data (including averages, stand-  
9       ard deviations, number of observations, and cor-  
10      relations to other variables), to the extent that  
11      the descriptive statistics do not violate the rule  
12      against disclosure;

13              “(C) a reference to the statute requiring  
14      that the data not be disclosed; and

15              “(D) information regarding how to contact  
16      the individual or entity who has unrestricted ac-  
17      cess to the data.”.

18       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19      subsection (a) shall apply on and after the date that is  
20      6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

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