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To require the implementation of report recommendations by an inspector general regarding wasteful and excessive spending, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Mr. ENYART) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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

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 “Protection Against
5 Wasteful Spending Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS OF WASTEFUL AND**
2 **EXCESSIVE SPENDING REQUIRED.**

3 (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT RECOMMENDA-
4 TIONS REQUIRED.—With respect to each of fiscal years
5 2014 through 2020 and except as provided in subsection
6 (b), not later than 4 years after the submission of a report
7 regarding wasteful and excessive spending, or duplicative
8 programs causing wasteful and excessive spending, by an
9 inspector general of an agency (in this Act, referred to
10 as the “IG report”), the head of the agency shall imple-
11 ment all of the recommendations in such report.

12 (b) EXCEPTION.—The implementation requirement
13 in subsection (a) shall not apply to a recommendation by
14 an inspector general that would violate an existing law.
15 With regard to any such recommendation, the head of the
16 relevant agency shall submit to Congress a description of
17 the necessary change to the law to legally implement the
18 recommendation.

19 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

20 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 6 months
21 after the submission of an IG report, or 6 months
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, which-
23 ever is later, the head of the relevant agency shall
24 submit to Congress a report on—

25 (A) the progress of the implementation of
26 each recommendation in the IG report;

1 (B) the time period required to complete
2 each such implementation;

3 (C) the wasteful and excessive spending,
4 and duplicative programs causing wasteful and
5 excessive spending within each agency described
6 in the IG report;

7 (D) the savings created from the comple-
8 tion of implementing each recommendation; and

9 (E) the reason each recommendation was
10 not implemented before the submission of the
11 IG report.

12 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 13
13 months, and yearly thereafter until an updated re-
14 port is submitted for fiscal year 2020, after the sub-
15 mission of an IG report, the head of the relevant
16 agency shall submit to Congress an updated report
17 on the information described in subparagraphs (A)
18 through (E) of paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 3. FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any agency that fails to imple-
21 ment a recommendation from an IG report, that is not
22 an exception under section 2(b), in a timely manner, may
23 not obligate any funds available to such agency for—

1 (1) convention or seminar attendance and inter-
2 national or domestic travel by any politically-ap-
3 pointed official; or

4 (2) any bonus or salary increase, performance
5 or otherwise, with respect to such an official.

6 (b) FUNDS SUBJECT TO OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—

7 On the date that is 60 days after the submission of a re-
8 port pursuant to section 2(c) that shows that an agency
9 has failed to implement a recommendation of an IG report
10 in a timely manner, of the funds prohibited from being
11 obligated pursuant to subsection (a) (if any)—

12 (1) 50 percent shall be credited to the Highway
13 Trust Fund established under section 9503(a) of the
14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to be made available
15 without further appropriation; and

16 (2) 50 percent shall be transferred to the Ad-
17 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
18 for making capitalization grants for State water pol-
19 lution control revolving funds under section 603 of
20 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
21 1382), to be made available without further appro-
22 priation.

23 (c) TIMELY MANNER DEFINED.—In this section, the
24 term “timely manner” means, as determined by the Direc-
25 tor of the Office of Management and Budget, in consulta-

1 tion with the Comptroller General and the inspector gen-
2 eral of the relevant agency, with regard to the implementa-
3 tion of a recommendation from an IG report, that is not
4 an exception under section 2(b)—

5 (1) 30 percent completion of such recommenda-
6 tion within the first year following the submission of
7 the IG report; and

8 (2) 70 percent completion of such recommenda-
9 tion within the second year following the submission
10 of the IG report.

11 **SEC. 4. USE OF SAVINGS.**

12 Of the savings (if any) from the implementation of
13 a recommendation from an IG report pursuant to this
14 Act—

15 (1) 50 percent shall be credited to the Highway
16 Trust Fund established under section 9503(a) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to be made available
18 without further appropriation; and

19 (2) 50 percent shall be transferred to the Ad-
20 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
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23 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
24 1382), to be made available without further appro-
25 priation.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act—

3 (1) the term “agency” has the meaning given
4 that term in section 551 of title 5, United States
5 Code; and

6 (2) the term “politically-appointed official”
7 means any employee of the Federal Government who
8 is—

9 (A) not paid under the General Schedule
10 (chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code); and

11 (B) appointed by the President by and
12 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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