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H. R. 6238

To require the Secretary of State to report a Government Accountability Office High Risk List for weaknesses in the department's information technology acquisitions and operations, human capital management, Federal real property, and personal security clearance of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. BAIRD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO HIGH RISK LIST**
4 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall implement
6 the Government Accountability Office's High Risk List

1 recommendations as applicable to the Department of State
2 for—

3 (1) improving the management of information
4 technology acquisitions and operations;

5 (2) improving strategic human capital manage-
6 ment;

7 (3) managing Federal real property;

8 (4) ensuring the cybersecurity of the United
9 States; and

10 (5) managing Government-wide personnel secu-
11 rity clearance process.

12 (b) REPORT.—Within 90 days of the date of enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall report to the appro-
14 priate congressional committees the Department of States
15 progress in implementing all of the Government Account-
16 ability Office’s High Risk List recommendations as appli-
17 cable to the Department of State mentioned in subsection
18 (a).

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

20 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
23 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
24 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

1 (2) HIGH RISK LIST.—The term “High Risk
2 List” refers to GAO–08–751, the April 20, 2023, re-
3 port by the Government Accountability Office titled
4 “High-Risk Series: Efforts Made to Achieve
5 Progress Need to Be Maintained and Expanded to
6 Fully Address All Areas”.

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