

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6260

To provide for certain reviews of the use and safety of Federal buildings,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To provide for certain reviews of the use and safety of
Federal buildings, and for other purposes.

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 “Federal Oversight of
5 Construction Use and Safety Act” or the “FOCUS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING PROJECT ESCALATIONS.**

7 Section 3307(c) of title 40, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following: “The Admin-
9 istrator shall notify, in writing, the Committee on Trans-
10 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Environment and Public
2 Works of the Senate of any increase of more than 5 per-
3 cent of an estimated maximum cost or of any increase or
4 decrease in the scope or size of a project of 5 or more
5 percent. Such notification shall include an explanation re-
6 garding any such increase or decrease. The scope or size
7 of a project shall not increase or decrease by more than
8 10 percent unless an amended prospectus is submitted and
9 approved pursuant to this section.”.

10 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC SAFETY AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS.**

11 (a) DATA COLLECTION.—The Administrator of Gen-
12 eral Services shall collect data from tenant Federal agen-
13 cies reports of any safety incidents as a result of criminal
14 or other activity impacting public safety in and around
15 public buildings, as defined in section 3301 of title 40,
16 United States Code.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
19 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
20 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
21 Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report
22 that—

23 (1) contains the data collected under subsection
24 (a); and

1 (2) describes any actions taken or planned, if
2 necessary, to improve building management and op-
3 erations to address such incidents.

4 **SEC. 4. REDUCING WASTE IN NEW PROJECTS.**

5 Section 3307(b) of title 40, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (8) by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(9) information on any space occupied by the
13 relevant agency in the geographical area of the pro-
14 posed facility, including uses, utilization rates, any
15 proposed consolidations, and, if not proposed to be
16 consolidated, a justification for such determination;
17 and

18 “(10) details on actual utilization rates, includ-
19 ing number of personnel assigned to the facility,
20 number of personnel expected to work in-person at
21 the facility and whether all personnel identified re-
22 flect filled and authorized positions.”.

23 **SEC. 5. REVIEW OF SPECIAL USE SPACE.**

24 (a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United
25 States shall review the use of special use spaces in Federal

1 buildings, including conference centers, fitness centers,
2 and similar spaces to determine levels of utilization, oppor-
3 tunities for sharing, collocating, and other efficiencies.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
6 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
7 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
8 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate
9 a report containing the review under subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 6. INTERAGENCY SPACE COORDINATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 40, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 **“§ 3319. Interagency space coordination**

15 “Unless a Federal agency specifically restricts the
16 sharing of the information described in this section for na-
17 tional security purposes, the Administrator of General
18 Services shall share with tenant Federal agencies pursuing
19 new or replacement office space information on any other
20 Federal agencies located in the same geographical area for
21 purposes of determining opportunities for consolidations,
22 collocations, or other space sharing to reduce the costs of
23 space and maximize space utilization.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 33 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by add-
3 ing at the end the following:

“3319. Interagency space coordination.”.

○