

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6442

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2016

Mr. FORTENBERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. CHIEF STANDING BEAR NATIONAL HISTORIC**  
4       **TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

5       Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16  
6       U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7       lowing:

1           “(46) CHIEF STANDING BEAR NATIONAL HIS-  
2           TORIC TRAIL.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Standing  
4           Bear Trail, extending approximately 550 miles  
5           from Niobrara, Nebraska, to Ponca City, Okla-  
6           homa, which follows the route taken by Chief  
7           Standing Bear and the Ponca people during  
8           Federal Indian removal, and approximately 550  
9           miles from Ponca City, Oklahoma, through  
10          Omaha, Nebraska, to Niobrara, Nebraska,  
11          which follows the return route taken by Chief  
12          Standing Bear and the Ponca people, as gen-  
13          erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Chief  
14          Standing Bear National Historic Trail Feasi-  
15          bility Study’, numbered 903/125,630, and dated  
16          November 2014.

17          “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map  
18          described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file  
19          and available for public inspection in the appro-  
20          priate offices of the Department of the Interior.

21          “(C) COMPONENTS.—The feasibility study  
22          conducted under subparagraph (A) shall include  
23          a determination on whether the Chief Standing  
24          Bear Trail meets the criteria described in sub-

1 section (b) for designation as a national historic  
2 trail.

3 “(D) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting  
4 the feasibility study under subparagraph (A),  
5 the Secretary of the Interior shall consider  
6 input from owners of private land within or ad-  
7 jacent to the study area and shall not consider  
8 acquiring any land or interest in land outside  
9 the exterior boundaries of any federally admin-  
10 istered area.

11 “(E) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the  
12 feasibility study under subparagraph (A), the  
13 Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the  
14 Nebraska Natural Resources Districts.”.

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