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1ST SESSION

H. R. 981

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to collect and maintain data on the growth in the use of Internet of Things devices and devices that use 5G mobile networks in order to determine the amount of electromagnetic spectrum required to meet the demand created by such use, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Ms. DELBENE (for herself and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “IoT Readiness Act of
5 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) Internet of Things device usage is a critical
4 component of the United States economy;

5 (2) Internet of Things device usage will con-
6 tinue to grow exponentially, and United States infra-
7 structure needs to be prepared for that growth;

8 (3) in order for the Federal Government to
9 properly address spectrum requirements, Congress
10 needs to understand the full scope of future spec-
11 trum demand; and

12 (4) the United States should further prepare its
13 infrastructure with comprehensive spectrum plan-
14 ning.

15 **SEC. 3. TRACKING OF GROWTH OF INTERNET OF THINGS**
16 **AND 5G DEVICES BY FCC.**

17 (a) **COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DATA.—**

18 The Commission shall collect and maintain data on the
19 growth in the use of Internet of Things devices and devices
20 that use 5G mobile networks in order to determine the
21 amount of electromagnetic spectrum required to meet the
22 demand created by such use.

23 (b) **BIENNIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—**Not later
24 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
25 and not less frequently than every 2 years thereafter, the
26 Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the data

1 collected and maintained under subsection (a). Such re-
2 port shall contain—

3 (1) a determination by the Commission of the
4 amount of electromagnetic spectrum required to
5 meet the demand created by Internet of Things de-
6 vices and devices that use 5G mobile networks and
7 whether sufficient spectrum is available as of the
8 date of such report to meet such demand; and

9 (2) a determination by the Commission of—

10 (A) whether any growth is anticipated in
11 the use of Internet of Things devices or devices
12 that use 5G mobile networks; and

13 (B) if such growth is anticipated, the
14 amount of spectrum needed to meet the future
15 demand created by such growth.

16 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”
19 means the Federal Communications Commission, in
20 consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Com-
21 merce for Communications and Information.

22 (2) **INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICE.**—The term
23 “Internet of Things device” means a device that uses

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- 1 a network to communicate and share data with other
- 2 devices.

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