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# H. R. 2037

[Report No. 119-]

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Open RAN networks, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MAY --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 11, 2025]

# **A BILL**

To provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding Open RAN networks, 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 “Open RAN Outreach*  
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL**  
7 **PROVIDERS REGARDING OPEN RAN NET-**  
8 **WORKS.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall con-*  
10 *duct outreach and provide technical assistance to small*  
11 *communications network providers—*

12 *(1) to raise awareness regarding the uses, bene-*  
13 *fits, and challenges of Open RAN networks and other*  
14 *open network architectures; and*

15 *(2) regarding participation in the Wireless Sup-*  
16 *ply Chain Innovation Grant Program established*  
17 *under section 9202(a)(1) of the William M. (Mac)*  
18 *Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for*  
19 *Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283).*

20 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

21 *(1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-*  
22 *ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of Com-*  
23 *merce for Communications and Information, acting*  
24 *through the head of the Office of Internet Connectivity*  
25 *and Growth.*

1           (2) *OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE.*—*The term*  
2           *“open network architecture” means Open RAN net-*  
3           *works and other network elements that follow a set of*  
4           *published open standards for multi-vendor network*  
5           *equipment interoperability, including open core and*  
6           *open transport.*

7           (3) *OPEN RAN NETWORK.*—*The term “Open RAN*  
8           *network” means a wireless network that follows the*  
9           *Open Radio Access Network architecture and pub-*  
10          *lished open standards for multi-vendor network equip-*  
11          *ment interoperability.*