

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To amend the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to testify on an annual basis before the Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “HUD Accountability
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO TESTIFY.**

2 Section 7 of the Department of Housing and Urban
3 Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(u) ANNUAL TESTIMONY.—The Secretary shall ap-
6 pear before the Committee on Financial Services of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking,
8 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate at an annual
9 hearing and present testimony regarding the operations
10 of the Department during the preceding year, including
11 regarding the following topics:

12 “(1) The physical condition of all public hous-
13 ing and other housing assisted by the Department.

14 “(2) The financial health of the mortgage in-
15 surance funds of the FHA.

16 “(3) Oversight by the Department of grantees
17 and sub-grantees engaging in waste, fraud, and
18 abuse.

19 “(4) Ongoing activities of the Department, as
20 appropriate.”.