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To require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Good Accounting Obli-
5 gation in Government Act” or the “GAO–IG Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT AC-**
7 **COUNTABILITY OFFICE AND INSPECTOR GEN-**
8 **ERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.**

9 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “agency”
10 means—

1 (1) a designated Federal entity, as defined in
2 section 8G(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of
3 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.); and

4 (2) an establishment, as defined in section
5 12(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
6 U.S.C. App.).

7 (b) REQUIRED REPORTS.—In the annual budget jus-
8 tification submitted to Congress, as submitted with the
9 budget of the President under section 1105 of title 31,
10 United States Code, each agency shall include—

11 (1) a report listing each public recommendation
12 of the Government Accountability Office that is clas-
13 sified by the Government Accountability Office as
14 “open” or “closed, unimplemented” as of the date
15 on which the annual budget justification is sub-
16 mitted;

17 (2) a report listing each public recommendation
18 for corrective action from the Office of Inspector
19 General of the agency for which no final action has
20 been taken as of the date on which the annual budg-
21 et justification is submitted; and

22 (3) a report on the implementation status of
23 each public recommendation described in paragraphs
24 (1) and (2), which shall include—

1 (A) with respect to a public recommenda-
2 tion that is classified by the Government Ac-
3 countability Office as “open” or “closed,
4 unimplemented”—

5 (i) that the agency has decided not to
6 implement, a detailed justification for the
7 decision; or

8 (ii) that the agency has decided to
9 adopt, a timeline for full implementation;

10 (B) with respect to a public recommenda-
11 tion for corrective action from the Office of In-
12 spector General of the agency for which no final
13 action or action not recommended has been
14 taken, an explanation of the reasons why no
15 final action or action not recommended was
16 taken with respect to each audit report to which
17 the public recommendation for corrective action
18 pertains;

19 (C) with respect to an outstanding
20 unimplemented public recommendation from the
21 Office of Inspector General of the agency that
22 the agency has decided to adopt, a timeline for
23 implementation; and

24 (D) an explanation for any discrepancy be-
25 tween—

1 (i) the reports submitted under para-
2 graphs (1) and (2);

3 (ii) the semiannual reports submitted
4 by the Office of Inspector General of the
5 agency under section 5 of the Inspector
6 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.); and

7 (iii) reports submitted by the Govern-
8 ment Accountability Office relating to pub-
9 lic recommendations that are classified by
10 the Government Accountability Office as
11 “open” or “closed, unimplemented”.

12 (c) COPIES OF SUBMISSIONS.—Each agency shall
13 provide a copy of the information submitted under sub-
14 section (b) to the Government Accountability Office and
15 the Office of Inspector General of the agency.

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