

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2037
OFFERED BY M__. _____

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Open RAN Outreach
3 Act”.

4 SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL
5 PROVIDERS REGARDING OPEN RAN NET-
6 WORKS.

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

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

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

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
2 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
3 Commerce for Communications and Information,
4 acting through the head of the Office of Internet
5 Connectivity and Growth.

6 (2) OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE.—The
7 term “open network architecture” means Open RAN
8 networks and other network elements that follow a
9 set of published open standards for multi-vendor
10 network equipment interoperability, including open
11 core and open transport.

12 (3) OPEN RAN NETWORK.—The term “Open
13 RAN network” means a wireless network that fol-
14 lows the Open Radio Access Network architecture
15 and published open standards for multi-vendor net-
16 work equipment interoperability.

