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[Report No. 119–]

To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bay Area Ridge National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SIMON, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

NOVEMBER --, 2026

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 27, 2026]

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BAY AREA RIDGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY.

Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(50) BAY AREA RIDGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bay Area Ridge National Scenic Trail, a multi-use trail extending approximately 550 miles along the ridgelines of the hills and mountains surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area in Northern California and connecting over 75 parks and open spaces.

"(B) STUDY.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with interested organizations, including the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, shall complete and submit to Congress the feasibility study for designating the Bay Area Ridge Trail as a national scenic trail.

"(i) CONSULTATION.—The study under this paragraph shall be conducted in con-

sultation with each Federal and State agency that administers lands through which the trail described in subparagraph (A) passes.

"(ii) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary may complete the study under this paragraph by reviewing and certifying a study completed by interested organizations, including the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, that the Secretary determines meets the requirements of this Act.

"(iii) CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS STUDIES AND REPORTS.—In preparing the study under this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider and may include information from previous studies and reports prepared by the National Park Service or other interested organizations, as appropriate.".