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**House of Representatives**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**June 24, 2021**

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform**

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Committee Business Meeting**

On **Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and remotely on the Zoom video platform**, the Committee on Oversight and Reform will hold a hybrid business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R.1204, the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act;
2. H.R. 1224, the Merit System Protection Board Empowerment Act;
3. H.R. 2043, the Plum Act;
4. H.R. 2988, the Whistleblower Protection Improvement Act;
5. H.R. 3599, the Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act;
6. H.R. 3787, the District of Columbia Local Juror Nondiscrimination Act; and
7. Several postal naming measures.

**I. H.R. 1204, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE ACT**

H.R. 1204, the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act, was introduced by Congresswoman Norton on February 22, 2021. The bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to pass a law to increase the pay of its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) above the existing statutory allowable pay for the CFO.

**II. H.R. 1224, THE MERIT SYSTEM PROTECTION BOARD EMPOWERMENT ACT**

Subcommittee Chairman Connolly introduced the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) Empowerment Act on February 23, 2021. The Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing that discussed the bill on February 23, 2021.

The bill would reauthorize MSPB through 2026 and would allow MSPB to conduct employee surveys to help ensure that agencies are following merit system principles for the competitive civil service and potentially identify where improvements are necessary. The bill would also enable MSPB to collect information on applicants for federal employment, when not prohibited by existing law, and require successful completion of whistleblower training for MSPB members, administrative judges, and other applicable employees.

### **III. H.R. 2043, THE PLUM ACT**

H.R. 2043, the Periodically Listing Updates to Management Act (PLUM Act), was introduced by Chairwoman Maloney on March 18, 2021. Senator Carper introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 857. The Committee held a legislative hearing on this bill on May 3, 2021. During the 116th Congress the PLUM Act was reported favorably out of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC).

Currently, a comprehensive list of positions appointed by the president is made available only once every four years in a publication referred to as the “Plum Book.” The PLUM Act would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to develop and maintain a publicly accessible website with data on senior leaders in government that meets modern data standards. The bill would implement recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Administrative Conference of the United States. A bipartisan group of 24 organizations and experts has expressed support for the PLUM Act.<sup>1</sup>

### **IV. H.R. 2988, THE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT**

Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney, along with Representatives Mace, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Speier, Connolly, and Kathleen Rice, introduced H.R. 2988, the Whistleblower Protection Improvement Act, on May 4, 2021. The Committee held a legislative hearing on this bill on May 3, 2021.

H.R. 2988 would create new whistleblower protections, expand and clarify existing protections, establish new procedures to ensure that employees receive timely relief for their retaliation claims, and extend protections to non-career Senior Executive Service employees,

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from 24 Organizations and Experts to Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney and Ranking Member James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Reform (Mar. 16, 2021) (online at [www.oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Letter%20Plum%20Book%20Transparency%202021-03-16\\_coalition%20letter.pdf](http://www.oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Letter%20Plum%20Book%20Transparency%202021-03-16_coalition%20letter.pdf)).

Public Health Service officers or applicants, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's commissioned officer corps.

## **V. H.R. 3599, THE FEDERAL ROTATIONAL CYBER WORKFORCE PROGRAM ACT**

H.R. 3599, the Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act, was introduced by Subcommittee Chairman Khanna and Representative Mace on May 28, 2021. Identical language sponsored by HSGAC Chairman Peters, Senator Hoeven, and Senator Rosen was advanced by HSGAC on May 12, 2021, and was included in the United States Innovation and Competitiveness Act passed by the Senate on June 8, 2021. The Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act would establish a personnel rotation program for cybersecurity professionals at federal agencies, creating valuable career development and collaboration opportunities. OPM would issue an operational plan providing policies, processes, and procedures for the program, and GAO would report on agency participation in, and employees' experiences of, the program.

## **VI. H.R. 3787, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2021**

H.R. 3787, the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021, was introduced by Congresswoman Norton on June 8, 2021. Under current law, an individual may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia based on, among other things, sex. The bill would clarify that the term sex includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

## **VII. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES**

- H.R. 735, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 502 East Cotati Avenue in Cotati, California, as the 'Arthur Luis Ibleto Post Office Building'".
- H.R. 1298, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the 'Staff Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building.'"
- H.R. 2324, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2800 South Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the 'D. Edwina Stephens Post Office.'"
- H.R. 3613, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the 'Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building.'"

- H.R. 2427, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82422 Cadiz Jewett Road in Cadiz, Ohio, as the ‘John Armor Bingham Post Office.’”
- H.R. 2473, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Penn Avenue in Salem, Ohio, as the ‘Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office.’”

### **VIII. AMENDMENT PROCESS**

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the Chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the Chair’s discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel to Oversight\_Clerks@mail.house.gov and to Christina Parisi at Christina.Parisi@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

1. the name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
2. the name and number of the measure to be amended;
3. a brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
4. the name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the Chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.