MEMORANDUM

March 4, 2024

To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability

From: Committee Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R. 4552, the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2023
2. H.R. ____, the Governmentwide Executive Councils Reform Act
3. H.R. ____, the GSA Technology Accountability Act
4. H.R. ____, the Federal AI Governance and Transparency Act
5. H.R. ____, the Comment Integrity and Management Act of 2024
6. H.R. ____, the Modernizing Retrospective Regulatory Review Act
7. H.R. ____, the Special District Grant Accessibility Act
8. H.R. ____, the D.C. Criminal Reform to Immediately Make Everyone Safer (D.C. CRIMES) Act
9. H.R. ____, the D.C. Consumer Vehicle Choice Protection Act
10. H.R. ____, the Mail Traffic Deaths Reporting Act
11. H.R. 5301, the Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023
12. Several postal naming measures.
I. H.R. 4552, FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023:

A. **Summary**

The bill updates the 2002 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), last updated in 2014, by clarifying federal cybersecurity roles and responsibilities. The bill preserves the current framework of assigning federal agency cybersecurity policy development and oversight responsibilities to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (based on appropriate cyber standards developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)), operational and technical coordination responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and overall cybersecurity strategy and Congressional reporting responsibilities to the recently established National Cyber Director (NCD). The bill also improves the NCD’s reporting of major incidents to Congress and codifies the OMB Federal Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) as a ‘dual-hatted’ role in the OMB Office of the Chief Information Officer (OFCIO) and as a Deputy-NCD. Overall, the bill advances risk-based cybersecurity principles focused on equipping agencies to understand and address vulnerabilities in real-time—as opposed to relying on backwards looking compliance-based security assessments—by prioritizing modern cybersecurity techniques like zero trust architecture, cloud migration, automation, penetration testing, vulnerability disclosure programs, and improved identity management. The bill streamlines agency reporting requirements and reduces the frequency of FISMA assessments while requiring continuous monitoring of systems.

B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Raj Bharwani at (202) 225-5074.

II. H.R. ____, GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCILS REFORM ACT:

A. **Summary**

This bill provides additional oversight and accountability for covered governmentwide councils, defined as the Chief Acquisition Officers Council, the Chief Data Officer Council, the Chief Financial Officers Council, the Chief Human Capital Officers Council, the Chief Information Officers Council, and the Performance Improvement Council. This bill requires each of these councils to provide legislative, policy, and technical analysis to Congress upon request and scopes how the councils interact with and inform the work of the Office of Management and Budget. This legislation also extends the Chief Data Officer Council until 2031 (it currently is set to sunset in January 2025) and provides statutory authority for the General Services Administration’s (GSA) Office of Executive Councils (OEC), enhancing transparency of the office’s administrative support of governmentwide councils. The authorization for the OEC sunsets after seven years.
B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Lombardo at (202) 225-5074.

III. **H.R. ____, GSA TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:**

A. **Summary**

The bill amends Section 321 and 323 of Title 40 to require the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide an annual report to Congress regarding each project funded by the Citizen Services Fund (CSF) and some projects funded by the Acquisition Services Fund (ASF) by the end of that fiscal year. This report must include information about the funded project, including an explanation of the project, information about when the project was initiated, the project's total cost or anticipated total cost, and the amount of reimbursements associated or anticipated to be associated with the project.

B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Lombardo at (202) 225-5074.

IV. **H.R. ____, FEDERAL AI GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY ACT:**

A. **Summary**

The bill centrally codifies federal agency governance and responsible use policies while consolidating and streamlining other existing federal agency AI laws. In doing so, the bill focuses government resources on increasing transparency, oversight, and responsible use of Federal AI systems while protecting the public's privacy and civil liberties. The bill establishes a new “Subchapter IV—Artificial Intelligence System Governance” in title 44, chapter 35 which places the Office of Management and Budget in charge of issuing government-wide policy guidance in harmony with existing federal IT and data policy requirements. The bill also requires public notice of AI systems used by federal agencies through AI Governance Charters, including identifying testing and validation processes, responsible agency officials, maintenance plans, descriptions of public data assets used or modified, impacted personal information records, and downstream impacts on agency programs or determinations related to financial assistance or regulatory enforcement. The bill establishes a Federal AI System Inventory and requires the General Services Administration maintain a single, public interface that centrally catalogs these Charters. The bill also streamlines and consolidates existing law regarding the government’s use of AI, including requirements for agencies to provide protections or safeguards for Federal AI systems that are commensurate with risk, and repeals repetitive provisions in the AI in Government Act of 2020 and the 2022 Advancing American AI Act.
B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Lombardo and Raj Bharwani at (202) 225-5074.

V. **H.R. ____, COMMENT INTEGRITY AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2024:**

A. **Summary**

The bill amends Section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002 to improve the management of electronic comments submitted during agency rulemaking. The bill requires agencies to verify that any electronic comment was submitted by a human and provides agencies with additional authorities to assist with the management of mass-generated comments that are identical or nearly identical in substance. This bill also requires agencies to post polices regarding how the agency will consider computer-generated and mass comments on the website that is used to collect electronic comments during the rulemaking process. The bill also requires the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies regarding technologies that can be used to manage computer-generated and mass comments.

B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Lombardo at (202) 225-5074.

VI. **H.R. ____, MODERNIZING RETROSPECTIVE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT:**

A. **Summary**

The bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), acting through the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) and in consultation with the Archivist, the Director of GPO, and the Director of the Federal Register, to issue guidance on how agencies can use technology to more efficiently, cost-effectively, and accurately carry out retrospective review of federal regulations that are redundant, contain typographic errors, or overlap with existing regulations. The bill also requires OIRA to submit a report to Congress assessing whether Federal regulations are available in a machine-readable format and requires agencies to submit a "Retrospective Review Plan" that includes a strategy for how each agency will implement the OIRA guidance and identifies agency regulations that are subject to statutory retrospective review or would benefit from regular retrospective review.

B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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VII. H.R. ____, SPECIAL DISTRICT GRANT ACCESSIBILITY ACT:

A. Summary

The bill establishes a definition in law for special districts— independent political subdivisions of a State created for the purpose of performing limited and specific governmental functions—and requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to federal agencies requiring special districts be recognized as a unit of local government and clarifying to grant issuing agencies how special districts are eligible to receive federal financial assistance. The bill also requires OMB report to Congress on agencies’ implementation and conformity to the guidance.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Hassett and Sarah Feeney at (202) 225-5074.

VIII. H.R. ____, D.C. CRIMINAL REFORM TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERYONE SAFER (D.C. CRIMES) ACT:

A. Summary

Asserts Congressional control over the District by prohibiting the D.C. Council from pursuing progressive soft-on-crime sentencing policy. Specifically, the bill would (1) lower D.C.’s definition of a “youth” from under 25 years old to under 18, resulting in individuals 18 and older being properly treated and tried as adults in the criminal justice system, (2) remove the ability of judges to sentence youth offenders below the mandatory minimum (3) require the D.C. Attorney General to establish a public website containing statistics on juvenile crime, and (4) prohibit D.C. from enacting any changes to the existing minimum sentencing laws and sentencing guidelines, leaving only Congress the authority to change such laws.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti and Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.

IX. H.R. ____, D.C. CONSUMER VEHICLE CHOICE PROTECTION ACT:

A. Summary

The bill repeals, similarly to a disapproval of a federal rule under the Congressional Review Act, the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment's (DCDOEE) December 2023 final rule regarding the adoption of the California electric vehicle mandate (70 D.C. Reg. 016673).
B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti, Kim Waskowsky, and Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.

X. H.R. ____, MAIL TRAFFIC DEATHS REPORTING ACT:

A. Summary

The bill requires U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employees and contractors to report traffic crashes that result in injury or death to the USPS. Requires USPS to issue regulations requiring public information reporting on traffic deaths and injuries within ninety days and establish a mechanism to monitor and enforce compliance with these regulations. Further requires USPS to maintain an internal database of death and injury data involving mail transportation vehicles. USPS will compile an annual public report summarizing information related to deaths and injuries from traffic accidents. Any USPS contractor who fails to report a traffic accident will be penalized according to USPS’s determination, which can include fines, contract suspensions, and contract terminations. The bill includes appropriate protections of individuals’ personally identifiable information.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.

XI. H.R. 5301, ELIMINATE USELESS REPORTS ACT OF 2023:

A. Summary

The bill requires federal agencies to list within their annual budget justification materials any recurring reports, including governmentwide and interagency reports, they identify as outdated or duplicative and to recommend whether to sunset, modify, consolidate, or reduce the frequency of such reports.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.
XII. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES:

Staff contacts: Sarah Feeney at (202) 225-5074.

H.R. 1555 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the "Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building". (Rep. McClintock, R-CA)

H.R. 3354 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the "Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building". (Rep. Wexton, D-VA)


H.R. 7180 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the "Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office". (Rep. Westerman, R-AR)

H.R. 7199 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the "Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office". (Rep. Fitzgerald, R-WI)

H.R. 7385 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building". (Rep. McClellan, D-VA)

H.R. 7423 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the "Luke Letlow Post Office Building". (Rep. Scalise, R-LA)

H.R. 7417 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the "Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building". (Rep. Kelly, R-PA)

XIII. 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 directly to GOP Oversight Clerks at Gop.Oversight.Clerks@mail.house.gov and Lauren Hassett at Lauren.Hassett@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.