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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

From: Committee Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET, in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R. 580, the Unfunded Mandates Accountability and Transparency Act (UMATA)
2. H.R. 3279, the Renewing Efficiency in Government by Budgeting Act (REG Budgeting) Act
3. H.R. 2409, the Guidance Clarity Act
4. H.R. 2953, the All Economic Regulations are Transparent (ALERT) Act
5. H.R. 67, the Modernizing Retrospective Regulatory Review Act
6. H.R. 689, the Full Responsibility and Expedited Enforcement (FREE) Act
7. H.R. 884, To prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.
8. H.R. 2096, Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act
9. H.R. 3095, To direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.
10. H.R. 672, To establish new ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.
11. H.R. ____, Esophageal Cancer Awareness Act
12. Several postal naming measures.

H.R. 580, UNFUNDED MANDATES ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (UMATA):

A. Summary

This bill would amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) of 1995 (P.L. 104-4) to require agencies to prepare regulatory impact analyses—including analysis of costs, benefits, alternatives, disproportionate impacts, and effects on jobs—for major rules that mandate economic impacts of \$100 million or more, present major increases in costs or prices, or have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, or markets. Agencies would be required to publish initial assessments in the Federal Register and receive public comment when issuing notices of proposed rulemaking. Final agency analyses would accompany notices of final rulemaking. Agencies would generally be required to promulgate the analyzed alternative that maximizes net benefits. Additionally, agencies would be required to increase early stakeholder engagement in the rulemaking process and provide early notice that a major rulemaking may be initiated. The bill also brings independent agencies under UMRA's requirements.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Daniel Flores at (202) 225-5074.

II. H.R. 3279, RENEWING EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT BY BUDGETING ACT (REG BUDGETING) ACT:

A. Summary

The bill builds on Executive Order 13771 by amending the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) of 1995 (P.L. 104-4) with requirements that federal regulatory agencies constrain unfunded new costs imposed by federal regulations. The bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to set an annual, government-wide budget that restricts the amount of new, unfunded regulatory costs agencies can impose each fiscal year. The annual budget must preclude increases in the total unfunded costs of all federal regulations unless Congress approves the increase. The annual budget may provide for net reductions in total regulatory costs. The bill also allows agencies to rescind old rules to offset the costs of new rules to stay within yearly caps. Furthermore, OMB is required to submit each annual budget to Congress and annually report on compliance with the budget. If OMB fails to submit an annual budget at the start of a fiscal year, the bill imposes a regulatory moratorium for that year until OMB complies.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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III. H.R. 2409, GUIDANCE CLARITY ACT:

A. Summary

Requires federal agencies to state prominently on the opening page of any guidance document that: (1) agency guidance does not have the force and effect of law and is not binding on the public; and (2) the document is intended only to provide clarity to the public about existing legal requirements or agency policies.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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IV. H.R. 2953, ALL ECONOMIC REGULATIONS ARE TRANSPARENT (ALERT) ACT:

A. Summary

Requires agencies to submit monthly updates to the Office of Information Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) on their regulatory plans—including specific information on expected costs (including of unfunded mandates), other economic effects such as jobs, and a list of influential scientific information related to the rule (including peer review plans)—which will be published online within thirty days, yielding monthly updates on the complete federal regulatory agenda. The bill also prohibits agencies from promulgating new rules for which online updates have not been available for at least six months. Finally, OIRA must publish annually an assessment of all new agency rules and agencies' cost and benefit analyses of new rules.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Daniel Flores at (202) 225-5074.

V. H.R. 67, MODERNIZING RETROSPECTIVE REGULATORY REVIEW:

A. Summary

The bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), acting through the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), to issue guidance on how agencies can use technology to more efficiently, cost-effectively, and accurately carry out retrospective review of existing federal regulations that are obsolete, redundant, contain typographic errors, or overlap with other such 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 each agency to submit a "Retrospective Review

Plan" that includes a strategy for how the agency will implement the OIRA guidance and identifies agency regulations that are subject to statutory retrospective review or would benefit from retrospective review.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Duncan Wright, Lauren Lombardo, and Daniel Flores at (202) 225-5074.

VI. H.R. 689, FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPEDITED ENFORCEMENT (FREE) ACT:

A. Summary

Streamlines federal permitting government-wide by expanding use of ‘permits-by-rule’ (PBR) rather than case-by-case application for and review of individual permit applications. The FREE Act directs federal agencies to evaluate their permitting systems and report to Congress within 240 days, identifying for which types of permits PBR can replace current systems and thoroughly justifying any determinations that PBR cannot be used. Agencies must then adopt PBR within 12 months for identified types of permits. Under PBR, agencies must grant within 30 days all applications for coverage under a permit-by-rule that meet objective permit standards set forth in the rule. Agencies can still deny applications that do not meet requirements in the rule and may verify compliance.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Daniel Flores at (202) 225-5074.

VII. H.R. 884, TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM VOTING IN ELECTIONS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

A. Summary

Prohibits noncitizens from voting in D.C. local elections. Repeals the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act (D.C. Act 24-640; L24-0242).

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VIII. H.R. 2096, PROTECTING OUR NATION’S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT OF 2023:

A. Summary

H.R. 2096 amends the D.C. Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to restore two provisions recently removed by the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-345), including Metro Police Department (MPD) officer union bargaining in matters of officer discipline as well as the timeline under which such discipline must be carried out for alleged wrongdoing.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

IX. H.R. 3095, TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO DESIGNATE SINGLE, UNIQUE ZIP CODES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

A. Summary

The bill requires the U.S. Postal Service to designate unique ZIP Codes for various communities.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

X. H.R. 672, TO ESTABLISH NEW ZIP CODES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

A. Summary

The bill requires the U.S. Postal Service to designate unique ZIP Codes for various communities.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

XI. H.R. ____, ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS ACT:

A. Summary

This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to evaluate the total impact of esophageal cancer-related health care spending under the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for Federal employees and retirees diagnosed with esophageal cancer.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

XII. 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.