

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5561
OFFERED BY MS. MATSUI OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill, add the following section:

1 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY ON STATE EARLY HEARING DETECTION**
2 **AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study reviewing State early
5 hearing detection and intervention (in this section referred
6 to as “EHDI”) programs. Such study shall—

7 (1) analyze how information collected through
8 such programs informs what is known about EHDI
9 activities to ensure that newborns, infants, and
10 young children have access to timely hearing
11 screenings and early interventions, including infor-
12 mation on any disparities in such access;

13 (2) analyze what is known about how parents
14 use State EHDI websites to seek health and pro-
15 grammatic guidance related to their child’s hearing
16 loss diagnosis; and

17 (3) identify efforts and any promising practices
18 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
19 the Health Resources and Services Administration,

1 the National Institute on Deafness and Other Com-
2 munication Disorders, and State EHDI programs—

3 (A) to address disparities in outreach for,
4 or access to, timely hearing screenings and
5 early interventions; and

6 (B) to ensure that EHDI follow-up serv-
7 ices are communicated and made available to
8 medically underserved populations, including ra-
9 cial and ethnic minorities.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
12 shall—

13 (1) complete the study under subsection (a) and
14 submit a report on the results of the study to—

15 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
16 merce of the House of Representatives; and

17 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
18 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

19 (2) make such report publicly available.

