

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish a task force to examine housing and community development needs in areas of persistent poverty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a task force to examine housing and community development needs in areas of persistent poverty, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “_____ Act
5 of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVEL-**
2 **OPMENT NEEDS IN AREAS OF PERSISTENT**
3 **POVERTY.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT; DUTIES.**—There is established
5 a task force to—

6 (1) identify, examine, and analyze housing and
7 community development needs in areas of persistent
8 poverty in the United States, including in colonias
9 (as such term is defined in section 916 of the Cran-
10 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
11 U.S.C. 5306 note), except that such term shall in-
12 clude colonias located outside of the 150-mile border
13 area), in the Southern Black Belt region, and in
14 Puerto Rico, the Mariana Islands, the Virgin Is-
15 lands, Guam, and American Samoa; and

16 (2) develop policy recommendations to address
17 such needs.

18 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The task force shall consist of
19 the following members:

20 (1) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
21 opment or the Secretary's designee, who shall serve
22 as a co-chairperson of the task force.

23 (2) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Sec-
24 retary's designee, who shall serve as a co-chair-
25 person of the task force.

1 (3) The Director of the Federal Housing Fi-
2 nance Agency, or the Director's designee.

3 (4) The Director of the Bureau of Consumer
4 Financial Protection or the Director's designee.

5 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out its duties under
6 subsection (a), the task force shall consult with the Sec-
7 retary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of
8 Education, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads
9 of any other relevant agencies.

10 (d) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the
11 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment
12 of this Act, the task force shall submit a report to the
13 Congress setting forth and analyzing the housing and
14 community development needs in areas of persistent pov-
15 erty identified pursuant to subsection (a) and rec-
16 ommendations to address such needs and shall make such
17 report publicly available online.