

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 60016. REPORT ON HOUSING NEEDS OF POPULATIONS**

2 **AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban
4 Development shall enter into an agreement with an orga-
5 nization having expertise in housing, homelessness, and in-
6 stitutional racism and structural and implicit bias to carry
7 out a study on the housing infrastructure needs of popu-
8 lations at higher risk of homelessness. The Secretary shall
9 provide for such organization to complete the study and
10 submit a report to the Secretary not later than the expira-
11 tion of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the en-
12 actment of this Act, which shall recommend regulatory,
13 policy and practice changes that would ensure that the De-
14 partment of Housing and Urban Development and other
15 Federal agencies effectively reduce and prevent homeless-
16 ness and housing instability faced by populations at higher
17 risk of homelessness.

1 (b) INFORMATION.—The report shall include infor-
2 mation derived from individuals who are members of, or
3 advocate on behalf of, or both, a population at higher risk
4 of homelessness, including such transgender and gender
5 non-conforming persons, Asian, Black, Latino, Native
6 American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and other
7 communities of color, youth in or formerly in the foster
8 care system, veterans, and justice-system involved youth
9 and adults.

10 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Upon receipt, the Secretary shall
11 submit the report to the Congress and shall make the re-
12 port publicly available.

13 (d) POPULATION AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESS-
14 NESS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section,
16 the term “population at higher risk of homelessness”
17 means a group of persons that is defined by a com-
18 mon characteristic and that has been found to expe-
19 rience homelessness, housing instability, or to be
20 cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of the gen-
21 eral public.

22 (2) HIGHER RATE.—Information that may be
23 used in demonstrating such a higher rate includes
24 data generated by the Federal Government, by State
25 or municipal governments, by peer-reviewed re-

1 search, and by organizations having expertise in
2 working with or advocating on behalf of homeless,
3 housing unstable, or cost-burdened groups.

4 (3) INCLUDED POPULATIONS.—Such term shall
5 include populations for which such higher rate has
6 already been demonstrated, including Asian, Black,
7 Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific
8 Islander and other communities of color; persons
9 with disabilities, including mental health disabilities,
10 elderly persons, foster and former foster youth;
11 LGBTQ persons, gender non-binary and gender non-
12 conforming persons, justice system-involved persons,
13 and veterans.

