



H.R. __, TERRITORIES STATISTICS COLLECTION EQUITY ACT
SECTION-BY-SECTION

Section 1. Short Title

Section 2. Including U.S. Territories in Federal Statistical Programs

Requires the head of the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP) to publish a list and assessment of existing federal statistical programs that collect and publish data for the U.S. Territories comparable to the States, including explanations of any absence of a comparable program for the territories, impediments to data collection in the territories, and the level of government participation required.

Requires the head of the ICSP to submit to Congress a plan to collect and publish statistics regarding territories within 12 months of the bill's enactment. The plan will include recommendations for including the territories in federal statistical programs and cost estimates for federal and local governments for implementing necessary changes.

Requires the head of the ICSP to submit to Congress a report of the plan and its implementation within two years of the bill's enactment, and every year thereafter until the plan is fully implemented.

Requires the head of the ICSP to fully implement the plan within four years of the bill's enactment, in coordination with appropriate federal agencies.

Section 3. U.S. Territories Defined

Defines "U.S. Territories" as American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.