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To establish a commission to study the creation of a national sovereign wealth fund by the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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 “American Sovereign
5 Wealth Fund Exploration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION ON EXPLORING THE CREATION OF A**
2 **SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 the Treasury shall establish a commission to be known as
7 the “Commission on Exploring the Creation of a Sovereign
8 Wealth Fund of the United States” (in this Act referred
9 to as the “Commission”) to study and make recommenda-
10 tions to Congress and to the President about the creation
11 of a national sovereign wealth fund owned and managed
12 by the United States.

13 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-
14 posed of the following members:

15 (1) 9 representatives from the Department of
16 the Treasury, appointed by the Secretary of the
17 Treasury.

18 (2) 3 representatives from the Department of
19 Commerce, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce.

20 (3) 3 representatives from the Securities and
21 Exchange Commission, appointed by the Chairman
22 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

23 (4) 3 representatives from the Board of Gov-
24 ernors of the Federal Reserve System or a Federal
25 reserve bank, appointed by the Chairman of the
26 Federal Reserve.

1 (5) 7 representatives from academia or experts
2 in the fields of economics, monetary policy, fiscal
3 policy, investment policy, industrial policy, or other
4 aspects involving sovereign wealth funds, appointed
5 by the Secretary of the Treasury.

6 (c) TERMS AND VACANCIES.—

7 (1) TERMS.—A member of the Commission
8 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. A member
9 may be reappointed for such additional 2-year term
10 as the individual appointing such member deter-
11 mines appropriate.

12 (2) VACANCIES.—The relevant individual ap-
13 pointing each member shall fill a vacancy in the
14 Commission in the same manner as the original ap-
15 pointment not later than 30 days after such vacancy
16 occurs.

17 (d) MEETINGS.—

18 (1) FREQUENCY.—The Commission shall meet
19 not less frequently than once a quarter. The Com-
20 mission shall meet within 60 days of the appoint-
21 ment of all members.

22 (2) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Commission may
23 form subcommittees, which shall meet as often as re-
24 quired.

1 (3) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
2 the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

3 (e) CHAIRPERSON.—Members of the Commission
4 shall select a Chairperson from among the members of the
5 Commission. If the position of Chairperson becomes va-
6 cant, the members of the Commission shall select a new
7 Chairperson not later than 30 days after the date on which
8 the position became vacant.

9 (f) INVESTIGATION.—The Commission shall conduct
10 an investigation that includes the following:

11 (1) An examination of the feasibility, consider-
12 ations, and implications of creating and operating a
13 sovereign wealth fund of the United States, includ-
14 ing—

15 (A) sources of revenue into the fund, such
16 as—

17 (i) natural resources;

18 (ii) existing assets owned by the Fed-
19 eral Government;

20 (iii) taxes and levies; and

21 (iv) borrowed money, deficit spending,
22 bond issuance, and other mechanisms;

23 (B) management logistics, such as—

1 (i) the creation and composition of an
2 independent board or commission to ad-
3 minister the funds;

4 (ii) how investments would be deter-
5 mined; and

6 (iii) whether and how the fund would
7 be subject to audits, reports, transparency,
8 and other accountability mechanisms;

9 (C) composition of the fund and which as-
10 sets would be attainable by the fund, such as—

11 (i) domestic and international hold-
12 ings of—

13 (I) stocks;

14 (II) bonds;

15 (III) real estate; and

16 (IV) other wealth generating ven-
17 tures; and

18 (ii) limitations on which assets to in-
19 vest in;

20 (D) ownership rights in the assets and how
21 these would be exercised, including withdrawals;

22 (E) usage of funds and wealth generated
23 by the sovereign wealth fund for—

24 (i) general revenue;

1 (ii) existing government programs;

2 and

3 (iii) dividends or direct payments; and

4 (F) implications of the operation and
5 usage of the sovereign wealth fund on—

6 (i) the general fiscal balance of the
7 United States;

8 (ii) domestic and foreign wealth in-
9 equality;

10 (iii) economic growth and gross do-
11 mestic product;

12 (iv) inflation;

13 (v) the real estate market;

14 (vi) financial stability;

15 (vii) political interference;

16 (viii) protectionism and trade wars;

17 (ix) asset prices;

18 (x) exchange rates;

19 (xi) corruption;

20 (xii) national security; and

21 (xiii) any other aspect of the economy.

22 (2) A solicitation of views of all parties con-
23 cerned with creation of a sovereign wealth fund of
24 the United States.

1 (3) An evaluation of the advisability of pro-
2 posals and current arrangements with respect to any
3 issues so identified.

4 (g) POWERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may hold
6 such hearings, sit, and act at such times and places,
7 take such testimony, and receive such evidence as
8 the Commission considers appropriate to perform
9 the investigation described in subsection (f).

10 (2) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Upon
11 request of the Commission, the head of an agency
12 that appoints a member under subsection (b) may
13 detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel
14 of their respective department or agency to the Com-
15 mission to assist the Commission to perform the in-
16 vestigation described in subsection (f).

17 (3) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Com-
18 mission may procure such temporary and intermit-
19 tent services from experts and consultants as are
20 necessary to enable the Commission to perform the
21 investigation described in subsection (f).

22 (4) USE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE.—The Com-
23 mission may use the United States postal service in
24 the same manner and under the same conditions as
25 other Federal agencies.

1 (5) OBTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—Upon
2 request of the Commission, the Administrator of
3 General Services shall make available to the Com-
4 mission, at a normal rental rate for Federal agen-
5 cies, such assistance and facilities as may be nec-
6 essary for the Commission to perform the investiga-
7 tion described in subsection (f).

8 (6) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Commission
9 may enter into contracts with and compensate the
10 Federal Government, State and local governments,
11 private entities, or individuals to enable the Commis-
12 sion to perform the investigation described in sub-
13 section (f).

14 (7) COMPENSATION.—The Chairperson of the
15 Commission, in accordance with rules agreed upon
16 by the Commission, shall appoint and fix the com-
17 pensation of a staff director and such other per-
18 sonnel as may be necessary to enable the Commis-
19 sion to perform the investigation described in sub-
20 section (f), without regard to the provisions of title
21 5, United States Code, governing appointments in
22 the competitive service, and without regard to the
23 provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
24 ter 53 of such title relating to classification and
25 General Schedule pay rates, except that no rate of

1 pay fixed under this subsection may exceed the
2 equivalent of that payable to a person occupying a
3 position at level V of the Executive Schedule under
4 section 5316 of such title.

5 (8) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Com-
6 mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including
7 per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
8 for employees under subchapter I of chapter 57 of
9 title 5, United States Code, while away from their
10 homes or regular places of business in the perform-
11 ance of services for the Commission.

12 (h) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
13 of the first meeting of the Commission, the Commission
14 shall submit to the public, the President, relevant Federal
15 agencies, and relevant Congressional committees, as deter-
16 mined by the Commission, a report that includes the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (1) The findings of the investigation described
19 in subsection (f).

20 (2) Recommendations, based on such findings,
21 which shall include—

22 (A) recommendations for legislative action;

23 and

24 (B) recommendations for guidance, regula-
25 tions, and other administrative rulemaking for

1 the relevant Federal departments and agencies,
2 as determined by the Commission.
3 (3) The report may include any minority views
4 or opinions.