

114TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ALEXANDER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. REVIEW OF RULEMAKING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred  
5 to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall review the rule-  
6 making proceedings of other Federal agencies that are  
7 pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act for

1 the potential to cause an adverse effect on the cost (wheth-  
2 er short-term or long-term), time, or difficulty of com-  
3 plying with current or proposed energy efficiency regula-  
4 tions, guidelines, or standards of the Department of En-  
5 ergy.

6 (b) CONSULTATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall consult  
8 with the head of each relevant Federal agency to  
9 identify any areas of conflict or overlap between a  
10 proposed or final regulation, guideline, or standard  
11 of the Department of Energy and a proposed or  
12 final regulation, guideline, or standard of that rel-  
13 evant Federal agency.

14 (2) PUBLIC INPUT.—The Secretary shall seek  
15 public input on any conflicts or overlaps identified  
16 under paragraph (1).

17 (c) RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT.—For cases in which  
18 a conflicting or overlapping proposed regulation, guideline,  
19 or standard has been identified under subsection (b), prior  
20 to finalizing the rulemaking, the Secretary shall work with  
21 the head of the relevant Federal agency and the public,  
22 including small businesses, to resolve the conflict or over-  
23 lap, in order to ensure that the regulatory conflict or over-  
24 lap does not pose an undue compliance burden on the reg-  
25 ulated persons.