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To establish the Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics and Paralympics.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To establish the Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics
and Paralympics.

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 “Strengthening U.S.
5 Olympics Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION ON THE STATE OF U.S. OLYMPICS AND**
7 **PARALYMPICS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
9 the legislative branch a commission, to be known as the

1 “Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics and
2 Paralympics” (referred to in this section as the “Commis-
3 sion”).

4 (b) COMPOSITION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be
6 composed of 16 members, of whom—

7 (A) 4 members shall be appointed by the
8 majority leader of the Senate;

9 (B) 4 members shall be appointed by the
10 minority leader of the Senate;

11 (C) 4 members shall be appointed by the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

13 (D) 4 members shall be appointed by the
14 minority leader of the House of Representa-
15 tives.

16 (2) CO-CHAIRS.—Of the members of the Com-
17 mission—

18 (A) 1 co-chair shall be designated by the
19 majority leader of the Senate; and

20 (B) 1 co-chair shall be designated by the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member ap-
24 pointed to the Commission shall have experience
25 in—

- 1 (i) amateur or professional athletics;
2 (ii) athletic coaching;
3 (iii) professional advocacy on behalf of
4 victims of bullying, harassment, hazing, or
5 sexual assault;
6 (iv) public service relating to sports;
7 or
8 (v) professional advocacy for increased
9 minority participation in sports.

10 (B) OLYMPIC OR PARALYMPIC ATH-
11 LETES.—Not fewer than 8 members appointed
12 under paragraph (1) shall be Olympic or
13 Paralympic athletes.

14 (c) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after
15 the date on which the last member is appointed under
16 paragraph (1), the Commission shall hold an initial meet-
17 ing.

18 (d) QUORUM.—Eleven members of the Commission
19 shall constitute a quorum.

20 (e) NO PROXY VOTING.—Proxy voting by members
21 of the Commission shall be prohibited.

22 (f) STAFF.—The co-chairs of the Commission shall
23 appoint an executive director of the Commission, and such
24 staff as appropriate, with compensation.

1 (g) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—The Commission shall hold
2 1 or more public hearings.

3 (h) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Commis-
4 sion shall serve without pay, but shall receive travel ex-
5 penses in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title
6 5, United States Code.

7 (i) DUTIES OF COMMISSION.—

8 (1) STUDY.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
10 conduct a study on matters relating to the state
11 of United States participation in the Olympic
12 and Paralympic games.

13 (B) MATTERS STUDIED.—The study under
14 subparagraph (A) shall include—

15 (i) a description of proposed reforms
16 to the structure of the United States
17 Olympic Committee;

18 (ii) an assessment of whether the
19 board of the United States Olympic Com-
20 mittee includes diverse members, including
21 athletes;

22 (iii) an assessment of United States
23 athlete participation levels in the Olympics
24 and Paralympics;

1 (iv) a description of the status of any
2 United States Olympic Committee licens-
3 ing arrangement;

4 (v) an assessment of whether the
5 United States is achieving the goals for the
6 Olympics and Paralympics set by the
7 United States Olympic Committee;

8 (vi) an analysis of the participation in
9 amateur athletics of—

10 (I) women;

11 (II) disabled individuals; and

12 (III) minorities;

13 (vii) a description of ongoing efforts
14 by the United States Olympic Committee
15 to recruit the Olympics and Paralympics to
16 the United States;

17 (viii) an evaluation of the function of
18 the national governing bodies (as defined
19 in section 220502 of title 36, United
20 States Code) and an analysis of the re-
21 sponsiveness of the national governing bod-
22 ies to athletes;

23 (ix) an assessment of whether the
24 United States Center for Safe Sport has
25 the necessary fiscal resources and staffing

1 levels to effectively respond to reports of
2 bullying, hazing, harassment, and sexual
3 assault in sports, and to properly audit
4 and provide oversight of the United States
5 Olympic Committee and National Gov-
6 erning Bodies; and

7 (x) an assessment of the finances and
8 the financial organization of the United
9 States Olympic Committee.

10 (2) REPORT.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
13 the Commission shall submit to Congress a re-
14 port on the results of the study under para-
15 graph (1), including a detailed statement of
16 findings, conclusions, recommendations, and
17 suggested policy changes.

18 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report
19 required by subparagraph (A) shall be made
20 available to the public on an internet website of
21 the United States Government that is available
22 to the public.

23 (j) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

1 (1) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—The Commission
2 may subpoena an individual the testimony of whom
3 may be relevant to the purpose of the Commission.

4 (2) FURNISHING INFORMATION.—On request by
5 the executive director of the Commission, the head
6 of a Federal agency shall furnish information to the
7 Commission.

8 (k) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commis-
9 sion shall terminate 90 days after the date on which the
10 Commission submits the report under subsection (i)(2).

11 (l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
13 essary to carry out this section.