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S. 2688

To provide for a report of Federal entities without annually audited financial statements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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 “Executive Branch Fi-
5 nancial Accountability Reporting Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 In this Act, the term “Federal entity” means any en-
8 tity established in the executive branch, including such an
9 entity that administers a special purpose program or any

1 other entity established by presidential or departmental di-
2 rective.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT OF FEDERAL ENTITIES WITHOUT ANNU-**
4 **ALLY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

5 (a) REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
8 the Office of Management and Budget shall submit
9 a report described under subsection (b) to—

10 (A) the Committee on Governmental Af-
11 fairs of the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Government Reform
13 of the House of Representatives.

14 (b) CONTENT.—The report under paragraph (1) shall
15 include—

16 (1) a list of each Federal entity that receives an
17 exemption or waiver from the requirement for an an-
18 nually audited financial statement under section
19 3515 of title 31, United States Code, including the
20 entity's budget authority and outlays for the pre-
21 vious and current fiscal years, and the projected
22 budget authority for the upcoming fiscal year;

23 (2) a list of any other Federal entities, includ-
24 ing temporary commissions, task forces, advisory
25 boards, and other special purpose entities, that do

1 not annually prepare financial statements and have
2 such statements independently audited, including the
3 entities' budget authority and outlays for the pre-
4 vious and current fiscal years, and the projected
5 budget authority for the upcoming fiscal year;

6 (3) an assessment of the capability of the enti-
7 ties listed under paragraphs (1) and (2) to prepare
8 annual financial statements and have such state-
9 ments independently audited, including the costs
10 that would be incurred to do so;

11 (4) an assessment of how to reduce the costs of
12 preparing the financial statements and performing
13 independent audits by grouping together smaller en-
14 tities listed under paragraphs (1) and (2), and other
15 methods by which the preparation and independent
16 audits of financial statements could be made cost-ef-
17 fective for those entities; and

18 (5) an assessment of the benefits of improved
19 financial oversight encompassing the entire executive
20 branch, including the entities listed under para-
21 graphs (1) and (2), and recommendations for a plan
22 to implement a requirement that the entire executive
23 branch, including the entities listed under para-
24 graphs (1) and (2), prepare annual financial state-

1 ments and have such statements independently au-
2 dited.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
5 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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