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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study
on Federal agency use of renewable energy certificates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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conduct a study on Federal agency use of renewable
energy certificates.

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 “Renewable Energy
5 Certificate Study Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
3 United States shall conduct a study of the use of renew-
4 able energy certificates by Federal agencies.

5 (b) CONSIDERATION.—In conducting the study under
6 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall evaluate—

7 (1) the extent to which the aggregate market
8 demand for each type of renewable energy certifi-
9 cate, or other energy attribute certificate, leads to
10 new investments in renewable energy generation ca-
11 pacity relative to scenarios in which such demand is
12 absent;

13 (2) the progress Federal agencies made towards
14 complying with Executive Order 14057 (85 Fed.
15 Reg 70935; relating to catalyzing clean energy in-
16 dustries and jobs through Federal sustainability),
17 prior to the date on which such Executive Order was
18 revoked, with respect to the directives of such Exec-
19 utive Order for energy procurement and compliance
20 with existing statutory requirements, by using—

21 (A) renewable energy certificates, including
22 the progress made by using each type of renew-
23 able energy certificate; and

24 (B) approaches other than renewable en-
25 ergy certificates;

1 (3) whether renewable energy certificates,
2 power purchase agreements, or onsite renewables,
3 could be used by Federal agencies to meet the re-
4 quirements of section 203 of the Energy Policy Act
5 of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15852), and the trade-offs of
6 using one such form of compliance over the others,
7 including—

8 (A) the difference in the average cost of
9 each form of compliance to Federal agencies;
10 and

11 (B) the risk to Federal agencies of becom-
12 ing noncompliant with section 203 of the En-
13 ergy Policy Act with respect to each form of
14 compliance;

15 (4) the average cost Federal agencies have in-
16 curred by using renewable energy certificates to
17 fund—

18 (A) existing renewable energy projects; and

19 (B) new renewable energy projects that
20 otherwise would not have been implemented
21 without the sale of renewable energy certifi-
22 cates; and

23 (5) the average cost Federal agencies would
24 incur by only using renewable energy certificates,

1 power purchase agreements, or onsite renewables to
2 fund new renewable energy projects.

3 (c) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit
4 to Congress a report—

5 (1) detailing the findings of the study con-
6 ducted under subsection (a); and

7 (2) providing recommendations for legislation
8 and administrative action, the Comptroller General
9 considers appropriate, to improve the impact the re-
10 newable energy certificates market has on Federal
11 Government investments in renewable energy gen-
12 eration.