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H. R. 5047

To require the Administrator of General Services to conduct an annual audit of properties leased to private parties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFazio (for himself and Ms. Titus) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “GSA Lease Trans-
5 parency Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL AUDIT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of subtitle I of title 40,
8 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 **“§ 625. Annual audit of leases**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
4 the Administrator of General Services shall complete an
5 audit, in compliance with generally accepted government
6 accounting standards, of covered leases.

7 “(b) CONTENT OF AUDIT.—The audit shall deter-
8 mine whether the Federal Government has received all
9 rent, revenues, and anything of value due in accordance
10 with the provisions of each covered lease.

11 “(c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 date of completion of an audit, the Administrator of Gen-
13 eral Services shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of
16 the Senate the audit and a report on such audit.

17 “(d) ADDITIONAL AUDIT REQUIREMENT FOR
18 LEASES.—With respect to any covered lease that takes ef-
19 fect on or after the date of enactment of this section, the
20 Administrator shall require that such a lease contains
21 audit rights for the Administrator and the Inspector Gen-
22 eral of the General Services Administration.

23 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the following defi-
24 nition applies:

25 “(1) COVERED LEASE.—The term ‘covered
26 lease’ means an active lease of space in a Federal

1 building in which at least 20 percent of such build-
2 ing is leased to any entity pursuant to any provision
3 of law, including—

4 “(A) section 543;

5 “(B) section 581;

6 “(C) sections 306121 and 306122 of title
7 54, United States Code; and

8 “(D) Public Law 108–447 (108 Stat. 2809
9 et seq.).”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of chap-
11 ters for chapter 5 of subtitle I of title 40, United States
12 Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to sec-
13 tion 624 the following new item:

“625. Annual audit of leases.”.

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