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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To improve the leasing projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KILMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To improve the leasing projects of the Department of
Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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. HANDBOOK TO IMPROVE LEASING PROJECTS.**

4 (a) UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, and not less than once every
6 five-year period thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
7 fairs shall update the handbook of the Department of Vet-
8 erans Affairs titled “Planning and Activating Community
9 Based Outpatient Clinics”, or a successor handbook, to

1 reflect current policies, best practices, and clarify the roles
2 and responsibilities of the personnel of the Department in-
3 volved in the leasing projects of the Department.

4 (b) CBOC.—The Secretary shall ensure that the
5 handbook specified in subsection (a) defines “community
6 based outpatient clinic” in the same manner as such term
7 is defined in the Veterans Health Administration Site
8 Tracking database (commonly known as “VAST”) as of
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (c) USE OF HANDBOOK STANDARDS FOR OVER-
11 SIGHT.—The Secretary shall ensure that the Veterans
12 Health Administration incorporates the best practices con-
13 tained in the handbook specified in subsection (a) in con-
14 ducting oversight of the medical centers of the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Integrated
16 Service Network.

17 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF TRAINING REGARDING HANDBOOK**
18 **TO IMPROVE LEASING PROJECTS.**

19 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide guidance and
21 training to employees of the Veterans Health Administra-
22 tion for the use of the handbook specified in section 1(a).
23 The Secretary shall update such guidance and training to-
24 gether with each update of such handbook.