

1 ~~U.S.C. 1707 et seq.), insured, guaranteed, or~~
2 ~~made by the Secretary of Agriculture under~~
3 ~~title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.~~
4 ~~1471 et seq.), or insured, guaranteed, or made~~
5 ~~by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under~~
6 ~~chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code; and~~
7 ~~(C) recommendations for Congress regard-~~
8 ~~ing the Federal laws (including regulations) de-~~
9 ~~scribed in subparagraph (B).~~

10 ~~(2) PUBLICATION.—The report required under~~
11 ~~paragraph (1) shall, prior to submission under this~~
12 ~~subsection, be published in the Federal Register and~~
13 ~~open for comment for a period of 30 days.~~

14 **SEC. 802. STREAMLINING RURAL HOUSING ACT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing
17 and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture
18 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to—

19 (1) evaluate categorical exclusions under the en-
20 vironmental review process for housing projects
21 funded by amounts from the Department of Housing
22 and Urban Development and the Department of Ag-
23 riculture;

24 (2) develop a process to designate a lead agency
25 and streamline adoption of Environmental Impact

1 Statements and Environmental Assessments ap-
2 proved by the other Department to construct hous-
3 ing projects funded by both agencies;

4 (3) maintain compliance with environmental
5 regulations under part 58 of title 24, Code of Fed-
6 eral Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2025,
7 except as required to amend, add, or remove cat-
8 egorical exclusions identified under section 58.35 of
9 title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, through
10 standard rulemaking procedures; and

11 (4) evaluate the feasibility of a joint physical in-
12 spection process for housing projects funded by
13 amounts from the Department of Housing and
14 Urban Development and the Department of Agri-
15 culture.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
17 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and
18 Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall
19 submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
20 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Finan-
21 cial Services of the House of Representatives a report that
22 includes recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or
23 administrative actions—

24 (1) to improve the efficiency and effectiveness
25 of housing projects funded by amounts from the De-

1 partment of Housing and Urban Development and
2 the Department of Agriculture; and

3 (2) that do not materially, with respect to resi-
4 dents of housing projects described in paragraph
5 (1)—

6 (A) reduce the safety of those residents;

7 (B) shift long-term costs onto those resi-
8 dents; or

9 (C) undermine the environmental stand-
10 ards of those residents.

11 ~~SEC. 803. IMPROVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF FAMILIES IN~~
12 ~~HUD-SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.~~

13 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—~~

14 ~~(1) STUDY.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-~~
15 ~~retary of Housing and Urban Development shall~~
16 ~~conduct a study on the implementation of work re-~~
17 ~~quirements implemented prior to the date of enact-~~
18 ~~ment of this Act by public housing agencies de-~~
19 ~~scribed in paragraph (4) participating in the Moving~~
20 ~~to Work demonstration authorized under section 204~~
21 ~~of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing~~
22 ~~and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies~~
23 ~~Appropriations Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note).~~

24 ~~(2) SCOPE.—The study required under para-~~
25 ~~graph (1) shall—~~