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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Cox of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Assimilating Health and Equity Assessments into Decision-making of 2020” or “AHEAD Act of 2020”.

SEC. 2. STUDY TO ASSESS THE VALUE OF USING TOOLS TO MEASURE THE IMPACTS OF PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION ON HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall enter into an arrangement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (or, if the National Academies decline to enter into such arrangement, with another appropriate entity such as the National Academy of Public Administration) under which, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Academies (or other appropriate entity) will complete a study—

(1) to examine the potential benefits on population health outcomes of incorporating into the Federal legislative process tools that measure the impacts of proposed legislation (including in areas outside of health care) on health and health disparities;

(2) to formulate recommendations on integrating such tools into the Federal legislative proc-
ess to achieve better population health outcomes;
and

(3) in consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, and the Director of the Congressional Research Service, to formulate recommendations on how such tools should be incorporated into the Federal legislative drafting process.

(b) TOOLS TO BE CONSIDERED.—The tools considered under the study under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Health impact assessments.
(2) Cost-benefit analyses.
(3) Cost-effectiveness analyses.
(4) Applied behavioral economics analyses, specific to public health.
(5) Any other tools that analyze the potential impacts on health and health disparities of incorporating the findings of such reviews and analyses of proposed Federal legislation and accompanying budgetary scores.

(c) SPECIFIC POPULATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.—
The study under subsection (a) shall consider the impacts described in such subsection on health and health disparities within specific populations including communities of
color, youth, women, older adults, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural and Tribal communities, individuals living in regions with persistent poverty, individuals with co-morbid conditions, individuals with a disability, and individuals involved with the criminal justice system.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress on the results of the study under subsection (a).