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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To establish the Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the  
United States, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Engagement in the United States, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “African Diaspora  
5       Council Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AFRICAN DIASPORA EN-**  
7       **GAGEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established by  
9       the Secretary of State an advisory council within the De-

1 partment of State to be known as the “Advisory Council  
2 on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States”  
3 (in this section referred to as the “Advisory Council”).

4 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall  
6 consist of not more than 12 members, appointed by  
7 the Secretary of State, who are representatives of  
8 and reflect the diversity of the African diaspora from  
9 African American and African immigrant commu-  
10 nities, including individuals who have distinguished  
11 themselves in government, sports, creative indus-  
12 tries, business, academia, social work, and faith-  
13 based activities. Appointments to the Advisory Coun-  
14 cil shall be made without regard to political affili-  
15 ation. The Secretary of State shall consult with the  
16 Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee  
17 on Foreign Relations in the Senate and the Com-  
18 mittee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives during the process of selecting rep-  
20 resentatives to the Advisory Council.

21 (2) TERMS.—Each member of the Advisory  
22 Council shall serve a 2-year term, without compensa-  
23 tion or reimbursement.

1           (3) CHAIR.—The Secretary of State shall des-  
2           ignate a member of the Advisory Council to serve as  
3           Chair of the Advisory Council.

4           (4) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Secretary of  
5           State shall designate a senior officer or employee of  
6           the Department of State to serve as Executive Di-  
7           rector of the Advisory Council.

8           (c) FUNCTIONS.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall  
10          advise the President, through the Secretary of State,  
11          on strengthening connections between the United  
12          States Government and the African diaspora in the  
13          United States.

14          (2) INFORMATION, ANALYSIS, AND REC-  
15          OMMENDATIONS.—In advising the President under  
16          paragraph (1), the Advisory Council shall provide in-  
17          formation, analysis, and recommendations that ad-  
18          dress the following:

19                (A) Strategies to advance equity and op-  
20                portunity for African diaspora communities, in-  
21                cluding through efforts coordinated by the Do-  
22                mestic Policy Council under Executive Order  
23                13985 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to advanc-  
24                ing racial equity and support for underserved  
25                communities through the Federal Government).

1 (B) Ways to support the United Nations  
2 Permanent Forum on People of African De-  
3 scent.

4 (C) Programs and initiatives—

5 (i) to strengthen cultural, social, polit-  
6 ical, and economic ties between African  
7 communities, the African diaspora, and the  
8 United States, such as the Young African  
9 Leaders Initiative; and  
10 (ii) to address challenges and opportu-  
11 nities to advance inclusion, belonging, and  
12 public awareness of the diversity, accom-  
13 plishments, culture, and history of the Af-  
14 rican diaspora.

15 (D) Programs and initiatives, such as the  
16 International Visitor Leadership Program, to  
17 expand educational exchange programs between  
18 Africa and the United States.

19 (E) Programs and initiatives to increase  
20 public- and private-sector collaboration and  
21 community involvement in improving the socio-  
22 economic well-being of African diaspora commu-  
23 nities.

24 (F) Programs and initiatives, such as  
25 Prosper Africa, to increase participation of

1 members of the African diaspora in the United  
2 States with regard to trade, investment, eco-  
3 nomic growth, and development programs relat-  
4 ing to Africa.

5 (G) Such other topics the Secretary of  
6 State considers relevant.

7 (d) FUNDING; ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The  
8 Secretary of State shall provide funding and administra-  
9 tive support for the Advisory Council, to the extent per-  
10 mitted by law and using amounts otherwise appropriated  
11 to the Department of State.

12 (e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall meet on  
13 a quarterly basis or more frequently as necessary.

14 (f) CONGRESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—The Advisory  
15 Council shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations  
16 in the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs in  
17 the House of Representatives after each plenary session.