H. R. 4032

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. ______ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

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 “Open RAN Outreach
5 Act”.
SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL PROVIDERS REGARDING OPEN RAN NETWORKS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to small communications network providers to raise awareness of the benefits of Open RAN networks and other open network architectures.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, acting through the head of the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth.

(2) OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE.—The term “open network architecture” means Open RAN networks and other network elements that follow a set of open standards for multi-vendor network equipment interoperability, including open core and open transport.

(3) OPEN RAN NETWORK.—The term “Open RAN network” means a wireless network that follows the Open Radio Access Network approach to standardization adopted by the O–RAN Alliance, Telecom Infra Project, or Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP), or any similar set of open...
standards for multi-vendor network equipment inter-operability.