

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Federal Reserve Act to add additional demographic reporting requirements, to modify the goals of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. WATERS 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 “Federal Reserve Racial
5 and Economic Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTY TO MINIMIZE AND ELIMINATE RACIAL DIS-**
2 **PARITIES.**

3 The Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) is
4 amended by inserting after section 2B the following:

5 **“SEC. 2C. DUTY TO MINIMIZE AND ELIMINATE RACIAL DIS-**
6 **PARITIES.**

7 “The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-
8 tem and the Federal Open Market Committee shall exer-
9 cise all duties and functions in a manner that fosters the
10 elimination of disparities across racial and ethnic groups
11 with respect to employment, income, wealth, and access
12 to affordable credit, including actions in carrying out—

13 “(1) monetary policy;

14 “(2) regulation and supervision of banks,
15 thrifts, bank holding companies, savings and loan
16 holding companies, and nonbank financial companies
17 and systemically important financial market utilities
18 designated by the Financial Stability Oversight
19 Council;

20 “(3) operation of payment systems;

21 “(4) implementation of the Community Rein-
22 vestment Act of 1977;

23 “(5) enforcement of fair lending laws; and

24 “(6) community development functions.”.

1 **SEC. 3. APPEARANCES BEFORE AND REPORTS TO THE CON-**
2 **GRESS.**

3 Section 2B of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
4 225b) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “and” at the end; and

8 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(B) economic developments and prospects
11 for the future described in the report required
12 in subsection (b), including a discussion of dis-
13 parities in employment, income, and wealth
14 across racial and ethnic groups as well as other
15 specific segments of the population; and

16 “(C) plans, activities, and actions of the
17 Board and the Federal Open Market Committee
18 to minimize and eliminate racial disparities in
19 employment, wages, wealth, and access to af-
20 fordable credit pursuant to section 2C.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) by striking “The Board” and inserting
23 the following:

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board”; and

25 (B) by adding at the end the following:

26 “(2) TREND INFORMATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report required
2 under paragraph (1) shall include recent trends
3 in the unemployment rate, labor force participa-
4 tion rate, employment to population ratio, me-
5 dian household income, and change in real
6 earnings.

7 “(B) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.—The
8 trends required to be reported under subpara-
9 graph (A) shall include a comparison among
10 different demographic groups, including race
11 (White, African-American, Latino, Native
12 American, and Asian populations), ethnicity,
13 gender, and educational attainment.”.