

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To require agencies submit zero-based budgets.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RISCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. ZERO-BASED BUDGETS.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

5 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the  
6 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,  
7 United States Code.

8 (2) ZERO-BASED BUDGET.—The term “zero-  
9 based budget” means a systematic budget analysis  
10 in support of decision making in which managers—

11 (A) examine current objectives, operations,  
12 and costs;

1                   (B) consider alternative ways of carrying  
2                   out a program or activity; and

3                   (C) rank different programs or activities  
4                   by order of importance to the organization.

5           (b) ZERO-BASED BUDGETS.—Every sixth year, each  
6 agency shall submit to the Director of the Office of Man-  
7 agement and Budget and the Committee on the Budget  
8 of the Senate and the Committee on the Budget of the  
9 House of Representatives a zero-based budget for the next  
10 fiscal year and each of the 4 ensuing fiscal years.

11           (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In addition to the zero-  
12 based budget required under subsection (b), each agency,  
13 except the Department of Defense and the National Nu-  
14 clear Security Administration shall submit recommenda-  
15 tions for which programs Congress should cut or reduce  
16 appropriations in an amount that equals not less than a  
17 2-percent reduction from the previous year appropriation  
18 in discretionary spending.