

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHIFF 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Bay Area Ridge Na-

5       tional Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds that the Bay Area Ridge Trail—

3 (2) consists of approximately 415 completed  
4 miles and another approximately 140 miles of the  
5 route that are not yet completed;

6 (3) is located near urban areas of the United  
7 States;

8 (4) allows people to access the scenic ridgelines  
9 of the San Francisco Bay Area;

10 (5) provides maximum outdoor recreation potential to a large, diverse population and many year-round visitors to the San Francisco Bay Area;

18 (7) passes through diverse environments, in-  
19 cluding marsh, grassland, mountain, canyon, rivers,  
20 and forests;

21 (8) includes landforms that exhibit significant  
22 characteristics, including the Golden Gate Bridge,  
23 the San Andreas fault, volcanic areas, geologic for-  
24 mations, and wetlands; and

(9) connects with side trails and regional connector trails, such as the Bay Trail, Vine Trail, and Coyote Creek Trail, which provide additional public access and connect to major population centers.

## 5 SEC. 3. BAY AREA RIDGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FEASI- 6 BILITY STUDY.

7       Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16  
8 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10           “(50) BAY AREA RIDGE NATIONAL SCENIC  
11        TRAIL.—

12                             “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bay Area Ridge  
13                             National Scenic Trail, a multi-use trail extend-  
14                             ing approximately 550 miles along the  
15                             ridgelines of the hills and mountains sur-  
16                             rounding the San Francisco Bay Area in north-  
17                             ern California and connecting over 75 parks  
18                             and open spaces.

19                             “(B) STUDY.—Notwithstanding subsection  
20                             (b), not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
21                             actment of this paragraph, the Secretary of the  
22                             Interior, in consultation with interested organi-  
23                             zations (including the Bay Area Ridge Trail  
24                             Council), shall complete and submit to Congress

1           the feasibility study for designating the Bay  
2           Area Ridge Trail as a national scenic trail.

3           “(C) CONSULTATION.—The study under  
4           this paragraph shall be conducted in consulta-  
5           tion with each Federal agency and State agency  
6           that administers land through which the trail  
7           described in subparagraph (A) passes.”.