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To direct the Secretary of State to host regular Summits of the Americas,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BENNET) introduced
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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of the Americas, 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 “Summit of the Amer-
5 icas Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND RELATED MAT-** 7 **TERS.**

8 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy
9 of the United States to work with the Summit of the
10 Americas Secretariat to support the organization of a

1 Summit of the Americas every four years, or more fre-
2 quently as appropriate, subject to the availability of funds,
3 to strengthen ties and promote cooperation between the
4 United States and countries in the Western Hemisphere,
5 as well as civil society, business, diaspora, women, and
6 youth leaders.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State is au-
8 thorized to carry out the policy described in subsection (a).

9 (c) CITIES SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS.—

10 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

11 (A) Subnational diplomacy strengthens
12 democratic governance by enhancing local lead-
13 ers’ ability to tackle shared challenges, and
14 deepens United States ties with regional part-
15 ners by localizing bilateral and multilateral
16 partnerships and connections.

17 (B) The first-ever Cities Summit of the
18 Americas in 2023 promoted a valuable ex-
19 change of best practices and lessons learned be-
20 tween city, State, municipal, and regional lead-
21 ers and should be held as part of the Summit
22 of the Americas process.

23 (2) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
24 authorized to work with the Summit of the Americas
25 Secretariat to support the organization of one Cities

1 Summit of the Americas, across cities in the West-
 2 ern Hemisphere, including the United States, to
 3 take place as a part of each Summit of the Americas
 4 described in subsection (a), to promote subnational
 5 cooperation and serve as a catalyst in fostering en-
 6 gagement with representatives of government, civil
 7 society, faith-based organizations, business, aca-
 8 demia, youth, culture and the arts, Latin American
 9 and Caribbean diaspora communities, and underrep-
 10 resented groups.

11 (d) SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS IMPLEMENTATION
 12 UNIT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
 14 authorized to designate an existing official to serve
 15 within the Department of State as senior-level coor-
 16 dinator to coordinate, in conjunction with other rel-
 17 evant agencies, matters related to the implementa-
 18 tion of Summit of Americas commitments, including
 19 tracking and ensuring implementation of commit-
 20 ments made during Summits of the Americas.

21 (2) DUTIES.—The duties of the coordinator
 22 designated pursuant to paragraph (1) include—

23 (A) tracking and ensuring implementation
 24 of commitments made during Summits of the
 25 Americas; and

1 (B) liaising with interagency partners and
2 the National Security Council regarding imple-
3 mentation of summit commitments.

4 (e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
6 5 years, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
7 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
8 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
9 a report on the implementation of this section, including
10 the status of commitments of the United States and par-
11 ticipating partners for the prior year and upcoming year.

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