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To direct the Secretary of the Air Force to incorporate certain elements regarding depot-level maintenance coordination in at least one multinational exercise conducted in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself, Ms. TOKUDA, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE COORDINATION**

4 **IN MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary of the
6 Air Force shall incorporate in at least one multinational

1 exercise conducted in the area of operations of the United
2 States Indo-Pacific Command—

3 (1) depot-level maintenance, repair, and
4 sustainment considerations, including binational or
5 multinational planning sessions with covered nations
6 on—

7 (A) identifying opportunities to cooperate
8 on depot-level maintenance and repair in ways
9 that minimize transportation requirements in
10 such area of operations and determining the au-
11 thorities necessary to deliver the necessary joint
12 capabilities;

13 (B) facilitating real-time coordination be-
14 tween the United States and covered nations to
15 maintain munitions stock levels and resupply
16 routes in the such area of operations;

17 (C) mutual recognition of airworthiness
18 and maintenance certification between the
19 United States and covered nations; and

20 (D) emergency tabletop exercises, such as
21 when an aircraft of a covered nation breaks
22 down on United States territory, and vice versa,
23 in a contested logistics environment; and

1 (2) coordination with the Air Force
2 Sustainment Center, including the participation of
3 representatives of—

4 (A) the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
5 mand;

6 (B) United States Air Force Pacific;

7 (C) United States Air Mobility Command;

8 and

9 (D) the Air Force Sustainment Center.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
12 Air Force shall submit to Congress a report summarizing
13 the lessons learned from carrying out an exercise in ac-
14 cordance with subsection (a) with respect to the Republic
15 of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia. Such report
16 shall include each of the following:

17 (1) A list of candidate systems for co-
18 sustainment with Korea and Australia.

19 (2) A list of depot-level repair workload oppor-
20 tunities to undertake with Korea and Australia, in-
21 cluding testing equipment or line replaceable units.

22 (3) Opportunities to incorporate Korean and
23 Australian industry partners in depot-level mainte-
24 nance repair activities, including through public-pri-
25 vate partnerships.

1 (4) An identification of any potential logistical
2 challenges that could arise with the host country, in-
3 cluding with respect to workforce, housing, and loca-
4 tion of workload.

5 (5) An identification of any potential impedi-
6 ments involving intellectual property or data rights
7 between original equipment manufacturers and the
8 Department of the Air Force or between the Depart-
9 ment of the Air Force and named partner countries.

10 (6) An identification of any potential impedi-
11 ments related to International Traffic in Arms Reg-
12 ulations and related statutes.

13 (7) Any additional recommendations to Con-
14 gress that would ease the facilitation of depot-level
15 maintenance repair partnerships with Korea and
16 Australia, including changes to existing status of
17 forces agreements.

18 (8) An analysis of current maintenance and re-
19 pair capabilities and gaps in the organic industrial
20 base of Korea and Australia.

21 (9) An assessment of the types of maintenance
22 and repair activities (depot-level, preventative, cor-
23 rective) that may be most appropriate for partner-
24 ship with Korea and Australia.

1 (10) An assessment of how partnerships may
2 contribute to allied contingency operations, inter-
3 operability, and regional posture resilience in the
4 Indo-Pacific region.

5 (11) A consideration of planning factors related
6 to the Air Force’s evolving force generation models,
7 future-generation aircraft programs, deployment
8 schedules, statutory maintenance thresholds, and
9 other relevant operational requirements.

10 (c) COVERED NATION DEFINED.—In this section, the
11 term “covered nation” means any of the following:

12 (1) The Commonwealth of Australia.

13 (2) Canada.

14 (3) Japan.

15 (4) New Zealand.

16 (5) The Republic of Korea.

17 (6) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and
18 Northern Ireland.

19 (7) Any other nation as designated as a covered
20 nation for the purposes of this section by the Sec-
21 retary of the Air Force.

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