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# S. 2453

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KIM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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 “Partnership for Indo-  
5       Pacific Industrial Resilience Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BOLSTERING INDUSTRIAL RESILIENCE WITH AL-**  
2 **LIES IN INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
4 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish  
5 and maintain a security cooperation initiative (referred to  
6 in this section as the “Partnership”) to strengthen co-  
7 operation among the defense industrial bases of the  
8 United States and allied and partner countries in the  
9 Indo-Pacific region.

10 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Partnership  
11 shall be the following:

12 (1) To enable the production and supply of the  
13 material necessary for equipping the Armed Forces  
14 of the United States and the military forces of allied  
15 and partner countries to achieve—

16 (A) the objectives set forth in the most re-  
17 cent national security strategy report submitted  
18 to Congress by the President pursuant to sec-  
19 tion 108 of the National Security Act of 1947  
20 (50 U.S.C. 3043);

21 (B) the policy guidance of the Secretary of  
22 Defense provided pursuant to section 113(g) of  
23 title 10, United States Code; and

24 (C) the future-years defense program sub-  
25 mitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense

1           pursuant to section 221 of title 10, United  
2           States Code.

3           (2) To strengthen the collective defense indus-  
4           trial base by expanding industrial base capability,  
5           capacity, and workforce, including with respect to  
6           enhanced supply chain security, interoperability, and  
7           resilience among participating countries.

8           (3) To identify and mitigate industrial base  
9           vulnerabilities across partner countries.

10          (4) To advance research and development ac-  
11          tivities to provide the Armed Forces of the United  
12          States and the military forces of allied and partner  
13          countries with systems capable of ensuring techno-  
14          logical superiority over potential adversaries.

15          (5) To promote co-development, co-production,  
16          and procurement collaboration in key defense sec-  
17          tors.

18          (6) To promote defense innovation, improve in-  
19          formation sharing, encourage standardization, re-  
20          duce barriers to cooperation, and otherwise mitigate  
21          potential vulnerabilities and facilitate collaboration.

22          (7) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense  
23          considers appropriate.

24          (c) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
3           retary of Defense shall designate a senior civilian of-  
4           ficial of the Department of Defense at the Assistant  
5           Secretary level or above to lead relevant efforts of  
6           the Partnership, as determined by the Secretary.

7           (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days  
8           after the date on which the Secretary of Defense  
9           makes or changes a designation under paragraph  
10          (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional  
11          defense committees (as defined in section 101 of  
12          title 10, United States Code) a notification of such  
13          designation or change.

14          (d) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
15          coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish  
16          a process to determine which allies and partners of the  
17          United States (including Australia, Japan, the Republic  
18          of Korea, India, the Philippines, and New Zealand) shall  
19          be invited to participate as member countries of the Part-  
20          nership.

21          (e) AUTHORITIES.—To carry out this section, the  
22          Secretary of Defense may do the following:

23                (1) Enter into agreements and memoranda of  
24                understanding with appropriate counterparts from  
25                participating countries.

1           (2) Establish working groups and technical ex-  
2 changes.

3           (3) Provide technical assistance and capacity-  
4 building support to partner countries using authori-  
5 ties available to the Secretary under title 10, United  
6 States Code.

7           (4) Use funds authorized to be appropriated to  
8 the Department of Defense for international co-  
9 operation programs, industrial base resilience, or  
10 other relevant purposes.

11          (5) Engage with industry, capital providers,  
12 academia, and any other stakeholders necessary to  
13 advance the objectives described in subsection (b).

14          (f) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

15           (1) REPORT.—

16           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March  
17 1, 2027, and annually thereafter through 2031,  
18 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
19 congressional defense committees (as defined in  
20 section 101 of title 10, United States Code) a  
21 report on the status and progress of the Part-  
22 nership.

23           (B) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by  
24 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

1 (i) An assessment of shared industrial  
2 base vulnerabilities.

3 (ii) An overview of efforts among par-  
4 ticipating countries to enhance supply  
5 chain integrity and resilience.

6 (iii) A description of any joint defense  
7 production or co-development initiative, in-  
8 cluding any such initiative involving sen-  
9 sitive or classified technologies.

10 (iv) An articulation of priority initia-  
11 tives for the upcoming fiscal year.

12 (v) Recommendations for legislative,  
13 regulatory, policy, or resourcing changes to  
14 achieve the objectives described in sub-  
15 section (b).

16 (vi) Any other matter the Secretary of  
17 Defense considers appropriate.

18 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1,  
19 2026, and annually thereafter through 2030, the  
20 Secretary of Defense shall provide the congressional  
21 defense committees with a briefing on the progress  
22 made toward achieving the objectives described in  
23 subsection (b).

- 1 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority under this section
- 2 shall terminate on December 31, 2030.

