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To require an Air Force study on the threats to, and sustainability of,
the air test and training range infrastructure.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. STUDY ON AIR FORCE TEST AND TRAINING**
4 **RANGE INFRASTRUCTURE.**

5 (a) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
7 Force shall conduct a study on the ability of the
8 major air test and training range infrastructure, in-
9 cluding major military operating area airspace and
10 special use airspace, to support the full spectrum of

1 Air Force operations. The Secretary shall incor-
2 porate the results of the study into a master plan
3 for requirements and proposed investments to meet
4 Air Force training and test needs through 2025.
5 The study and the master plan shall be known as
6 the “2025 Air Test and Training Range Enhance-
7 ment Plan”.

8 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the Air
9 Force shall, in conducting the study required under
10 paragraph (1), consult with the Secretaries of the
11 other military departments to determine opportuni-
12 ties for joint use and training of the ranges, and to
13 assess the requirements needed to support combined
14 arms training on the ranges. The Secretary shall
15 also consult with the Department of the Interior, the
16 Department of Agriculture, the Federal Aviation Ad-
17 ministration, and the Federal Energy Regulation
18 Commission to assess the need for transfers of ad-
19 ministrative control of certain parcels to the Depart-
20 ment of Defense to protect the missions and control
21 of the ranges.

22 (b) REPORTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
24 Force shall submit to the congressional defense com-
25 mittees (as that term is defined in section 101 of

1 title 10, United States Code) an interim report and
2 a final report on the plan required under subsection
3 (a) not later than 120 days and 210 days, respec-
4 tively, after the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (2) CONTENT.—The plan submitted under
6 paragraph (1) shall—

7 (A) document the current condition and
8 adequacy of the major Air Force test and train-
9 ing range infrastructure in the United States to
10 meet test and training requirements;

11 (B) identify potential areas of concern for
12 maintaining the physical safety, security, and
13 current operating environment of such infra-
14 structure;

15 (C) identify potential issues and threats re-
16 lated to the sustainability of the test and train-
17 ing infrastructure, including electromagnetic
18 spectrum encroachment, overall bandwidth
19 availability, and protection of classified infor-
20 mation;

21 (D) assess coordination among ranges and
22 local, state, regional, and Federal entities in-
23 volved in land use planning, and develop rec-
24 ommendations on how to improve communica-
25 tion and coordination of such entities;

1 (E) propose remedies and actions to man-
2 age economic development on private lands on
3 or surrounding the test and training infrastruc-
4 ture to preserve current capabilities;

5 (F) identify critical parcels of land not cur-
6 rently under the control of the Air Force for ac-
7 quisition of deed or restrictive easements in
8 order to protect current operations, access and
9 egress corridors, and range boundaries, or to
10 expand the capability of the air test and train-
11 ing ranges;

12 (G) identify which parcels identified pursu-
13 ant to subparagraph (F) could, through the ac-
14 quisition of conservation easements, serve mili-
15 tary interests while also preserving recreational
16 access to public and private lands, protecting
17 wildlife habitat, or preserving opportunities for
18 energy development and energy transmission;

19 (H) prioritize improvements and mod-
20 ernization of the facilities, equipment, and tech-
21 nology supporting the infrastructure in order to
22 provide a test and training environment that
23 accurately simulates and or portrays the full
24 spectrum of threats and targets of likely United
25 States adversaries in 2025;

(I) incorporate emerging requirements generated by requirements for virtual training and new weapon systems, including the F-22, the F-35, space and cyber systems, and Remotely Piloted Aircraft;

(J) assess the value of State and local legislative initiatives to protect Air Force test and training range infrastructure;

(K) identify parcels with no value to future military operations; and

(L) propose a list of prioritized projects, easements, acquisitions, or other actions, including estimated costs required to upgrade the test and training range infrastructure, taking into consideration the criteria set forth in this paragraph.

(3) FORM.—Each report required under this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex as necessary.

(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The reports submitted under this section shall not be construed as meeting the requirements of section 2815(d) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 852).

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