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To promote high-quality, cost-efficient, and effective administrative support services to agencies overseas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Reducing Duplication
5 Overseas Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to promote high-quality,
8 cost-efficient, and effective administrative support services
9 to agencies overseas.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **AGENCY.**—The term “agency” means a de-
4 partment, agency, or independent establishment in
5 the executive branch performing any foreign affairs
6 functions.

7 (2) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
8 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
11 the Senate;

12 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

14 (C) the Committee on Appropriations of
15 the Senate;

16 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
17 the House of Representatives;

18 (E) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
19 ernment Reform of the House of Representa-
20 tives; and

21 (F) the Committee on Appropriations of
22 the House of Representatives.

23 (3) **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ADMINIS-**
24 **TRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES SYSTEM.**—The term
25 “International Cooperative Administrative Support
26 Services system” means the mechanism established

1 pursuant to section 23 of the State Department
2 Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2695) by
3 which the United States Government manages and
4 funds administrative support services at overseas
5 posts.

6 (4) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ADMINIS-
7 TRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES CUSTOMER AGEN-
8 CIES.—The term “International Cooperative Admin-
9 istrative Support Services customer agencies” means
10 agencies participating in the International Coopera-
11 tive Administrative Support Services system.

12 (5) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ADMINIS-
13 TRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES EXECUTIVE BOARD.—
14 The term “International Cooperative Administrative
15 Support Services Executive Board” means the high-
16 est-level International Cooperative Administrative
17 Support Services policy-making body comprised of
18 senior representatives of agencies participating in
19 the International Cooperative Administrative Sup-
20 port Services system.

21 **SEC. 4. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE**
22 **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES SYS-**
23 **TEM.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, each agency with oper-

1 ations overseas under the authority of the Chief of Mission
2 pursuant to section 207 of the Foreign Service Act of
3 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927) shall participate in the Inter-
4 national Cooperative Administrative Support Services sys-
5 tem for purposes of obtaining household furniture, fur-
6 nishings, and appliance pools services, motor pool services,
7 and management services unless—

8 (1) the agency provides a detailed explanation
9 for evaluation and decision by the International Co-
10 operative Administrative Support Services Executive
11 Board that describes—

12 (A) how the agency will provide the service
13 outside of the International Cooperative Admin-
14 istrative Support Services system;

15 (B) the cost to the agency of the service;
16 and

17 (C) how providing the service outside the
18 International Cooperative Administrative Sup-
19 port Services system will not increase overall
20 costs to the United States Government; or

21 (2) the agency submits a detailed explanation
22 for evaluation and decision by the International Co-
23 operative Administrative Support Services Executive
24 Board certifying that the mission of the agency can-
25 not be achieved by such participation in the Inter-

1 national Cooperative Administrative Support Serv-
2 ices system.

3 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The motor pool serv-
4 ices requirement under subsection (a) applies to adminis-
5 trative services, and shall not be construed as superseding,
6 removing, or limiting any statutory or programmatic re-
7 quirements related to agency use or procurement of vehi-
8 cles.

9 **SEC. 5. USE OF ALTERNATE SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

10 The International Cooperative Administrative Sup-
11 port Services Executive Board shall allow an agency to
12 act as an alternate service provider for administrative
13 services at an overseas post in place of the existing Inter-
14 national Cooperative Administrative Support Services pro-
15 vider for purposes of reducing overall costs to the United
16 States Government if the agency—

17 (1) demonstrates through a business case that
18 it can provide the administrative service more effi-
19 ciently; and

20 (2) agrees to provide the administrative service
21 to all other International Cooperative Administrative
22 Support Services customer agencies at the overseas
23 post.

24 **SEC. 6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

25 (a) BIENNIAL REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2
3 years thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consulta-
4 tion with the International Cooperative Administra-
5 tive Support Services Executive Board, shall submit
6 to the appropriate congressional committees a report
7 on the International Cooperative Administrative
8 Support Services system.

9 (2) CONTENT.—The report required under
10 paragraph (1) shall—

11 (A) establish performance goals to define
12 the level of performance to be achieved in pro-
13 viding efficient, effective, and equitable admin-
14 istrative services to International Cooperative
15 Administrative Support Services customer agen-
16 cies;

17 (B) establish a balanced set of perform-
18 ance indicators to be used in measuring or as-
19 sessing progress toward each performance goal;

20 (C) describe how the International Cooper-
21 ative Administrative Support Services system
22 ensures the accuracy and reliability of the data
23 used to measure progress; and

24 (D) identify strategies and the resources
25 required to achieve performance goals.

1 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
4 troller General of the United States shall submit to
5 the appropriate congressional committees a review of
6 the International Cooperative Administrative Sup-
7 port Services system.

8 (2) CONTENT.—The review required under
9 paragraph (1) shall include—

10 (A) an evaluation of whether requiring
11 agencies to participate in the International Co-
12 operative Administrative Support Services sys-
13 tem for household furniture, furnishings, and
14 appliance pools services and motor pools serv-
15 ices has increased cost-efficiency and reduced
16 administrative redundancies;

17 (B) recommendations, if warranted, for
18 further consolidation of services in the Inter-
19 national Cooperative Administrative Support
20 Services system;

21 (C) an evaluation of how implementation
22 of this Act is affecting the performance of
23 International Cooperative Administrative Sup-
24 port Services customer agencies; and

1 (D) recommendations, if warranted, for
2 improving the International Cooperative Admin-
3 istrative Support Services system and imple-
4 menting this Act.

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