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To require the Secretary of the Air Force to retain the current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base and to require reports on proposed activities at such installation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

Ms. MURKOWSKI 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America Needs Eielson
5 Air Force Base Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. RETENTION OF LEADERSHIP RANK, AIRCRAFT, AND**
 2 **CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE 354TH FIGHTER**
 3 **WING AND THE 18TH AGGRESSOR SQUADRON**
 4 **AT EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA.**

5 The Secretary of the Air Force shall retain the cur-
 6 rent leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the
 7 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at
 8 Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, with the same integrated
 9 mission elements, responsibilities, and capabilities as ex-
 10 isted as of November 1, 2011, until the later of—

11 (1) the date that is 180 days after the National
 12 Commission on the Structure of the Air Force sub-
 13 mits to the congressional defense committees the re-
 14 port required under section 363 of the National De-
 15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub-
 16 lic Law 112–239); and

17 (2) the date the Secretary of Defense submits
 18 to the congressional defense committees the report
 19 required under section 3(a).

20 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL REPORTS REQUIRED.**

21 (a) REPORT ON STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
 23 consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
 24 rity, shall submit to the congressional defense com-
 25 mittees a report on the strategic importance of
 26 Eielson Air Force Base.

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

(A) an analysis of the strategic value of Eielson Air Force Base to operations in the Pacific Area of Responsibility and elsewhere; including the geographic advantage of Eielson Air Force Base in global deployment of airpower, military personnel, and logistical support;

(B) the usefulness of Eielson Air Force Base to potential future missions, including military and humanitarian missions in a changing Arctic region;

(C) the basing of F-35 aircraft;

(D) the potential for relocation of combat coded aircraft from overseas bases;

(E) maintenance and expansion of the North Pacific air refueling bridge;

(F) remote piloted vehicle basing; and

(G) proximity of Eielson Air Force Base to the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

(b) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND RECORD OF DECISION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force may not change the aircraft or core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor

1 Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, or the
 2 integrated mission elements, responsibilities, and ca-
 3 pabilities that existed at such installation as of No-
 4 vember 1, 2011, until the completion of an Environ-
 5 mental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision
 6 relating to the proposed changes.

7 (2) CONSIDERATION OF STRATEGIC IMPOR-
 8 TANCE REPORT INFORMATION.—The Environmental
 9 Impact Statement shall assess the information sub-
 10 mitted in the report required under subsection (a)
 11 and the Record of Decision shall reconcile the action
 12 decided upon with the findings of the report.

13 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DEFINED.**

14 In this Act, the term “congressional defense commit-
 15 tees” has the meaning given the term in section 101 of
 16 title 10, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

18 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to relieve the
 19 Secretary of the Air Force of the obligation to comply with
 20 any other conditions precedent in law or regulation which
 21 govern any proposed modification to current operations at
 22 Eielson Air Force Base after the dates referred to in sec-
 23 tions 2 and 3.

