

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3329

To increase the number of operational aircraft carriers.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. CONAWAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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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. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL AIR-**  
4 **CRAFT CARRIERS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6 ings:

7 (1) In light of the increased array of complex  
8 threats across the globe, the Navy is operating at  
9 maximum capacity, increasing deployment lengths,  
10 and decreasing maintenance periods in order to meet  
11 operational requirements.

1           (2) Deployment lengths now frequently extend  
2 to 10 months, which places considerable strain on  
3 personnel, equipment, and platforms.

4           (3) Upon return from deployment, units are  
5 often placed in “surge status”, requiring them to  
6 maintain high levels of readiness and to quickly re-  
7 deploy if necessary.

8           (4) An additional carrier strike group would  
9 give the Secretary of Defense greater flexibility in  
10 deploying naval forces as well as increase forward  
11 naval presence. It would also improve the health and  
12 long-term service life of the existing fleet by pro-  
13 viding for longer maintenance and repair time.

14       (b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CARRIERS.—Section  
15 5062(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
16 striking “11 operational aircraft carriers” and inserting  
17 “12 operational aircraft carriers”.

18       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
19 subsection (b) shall take effect on September 30, 2023.

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