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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Israel
3 Directed Energy Cooperation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DIRECTED ENERGY CAPA-**
5 **BILITIES COOPERATION.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—

7 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense,
8 upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel
9 and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,
10 is authorized to carry out research, development,
11 test, and evaluation activities, on a joint basis with
12 Israel, to establish directed energy capabilities that
13 address threats to the United States, deployed forces
14 of the United States, or Israel. Any activities carried
15 out pursuant to such authority shall be conducted in
16 a manner that appropriately protects sensitive infor-
17 mation and the national security interests of the
18 United States and the national security interests of
19 Israel.

20 (2) **REPORT.**—The activities described in para-
21 graph (1) may be carried out after the Secretary of
22 Defense submits to the appropriate committees of
23 Congress a report setting forth the following:

24 (A) A memorandum of agreement between
25 the United States and Israel regarding sharing
26 of research and development costs for the capa-

bilities described in paragraph (1), and any supporting documents.

(B) A certification that the memorandum of agreement—

(i) requires sharing of costs of projects, including in-kind support, between the United States and Israel;

(ii) establishes a framework to negotiate the rights to any intellectual property developed under the memorandum of agreement; and

(iii) requires the United States Government to receive semiannual reports on expenditure of funds, if any, by the Government of Israel, including a description of what the funds have been used for, when funds were expended, and an identification of entities that expended the funds.

(b) SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is authorized to provide maintenance and sustainment support to Israel for the directed energy capabilities research, development, test, and evaluation activities authorized in subsection (a)(1). Such authority in-

1 includes authority to install equipment necessary to
2 carry out such research, development, test, and eval-
3 uation.

4 (2) REPORT.—The support described in para-
5 graph (1) may not be provided until 15 days after
6 the Secretary of Defense submits to the appropriate
7 committees of Congress a report setting forth a de-
8 tailed description of the support to be provided.

9 (3) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—The support
10 described in paragraph (1) may not be provided un-
11 less the Secretary of Defense certifies to the appro-
12 priate committees of Congress that the Government
13 of Israel will contribute to such support—

14 (A) an amount equal to not less than the
15 amount of support to be so provided; or

16 (B) an amount that otherwise meets the
17 best efforts of Israel, as mutually agreed to by
18 the United States and Israel.

19 (c) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
20 designate an appropriate research and development entity
21 of a military department as the lead agency of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense in carrying out this section.

23 (d) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of De-
24 fense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
25 gress on a semiannual basis a report that contains a copy

1 of the most recent semiannual report provided by the Gov-
2 ernment of Israel to the Department of Defense pursuant
3 to subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii).

4 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
9 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the
10 Committee on Appropriations, and the Select Com-
11 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

12 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
14 Homeland Security, the Committee on Appropria-
15 tions, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
16 ligence of the House of Representatives.

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