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To amend title 14, United States Code, to require an annual plan and budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Pacific Ready Coast
5 Guard Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
 2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
 3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
 5 and Transportation, the Committee on Appro-
 6 priations, the Committee on Armed Services,
 7 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
 8 Senate; and

9 (B) the Committee on Transportation and
 10 Infrastructure, the Committee on Appropria-
 11 tions, the Committee on Armed Services, and
 12 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
 13 of Representatives.

14 (2) COMMANDANT.—The term “Commandant”
 15 means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

16 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET DISPLAY FOR COAST**
 17 **GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 14, United
 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 **“§ 5116. Annual plan for Coast Guard operations in**
 22 **the Pacific**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
 24 2025, and annually thereafter, the Commandant, in con-
 25 sultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary

1 of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate committees of
2 Congress a plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific
3 region for the year after the year during which the plan
4 is submitted. Such plan shall include, for the year covered
5 by the plan, each of the following:

6 “(1) A list of objectives for Coast Guard en-
7 gagement in the Pacific region in support of Depart-
8 ment of State and Department of Defense missions.

9 “(2) An assessment of the capabilities of the
10 Coast Guard to support Department of State and
11 Department of Defense missions in the Pacific re-
12 gion.

13 “(3) A list of any areas in the Pacific region in
14 which an increased Coast Guard presence would bet-
15 ter support Department of State and Department of
16 Defense missions.

17 “(4) The projected demand for Coast Guard en-
18 gagement in the Pacific region from the Department
19 of State and the Department of Defense for the year
20 covered by the plan and during the subsequent 10-
21 year period.

22 “(5) An assessment of whether the Coast
23 Guard will be able to meet such projected demand
24 for the year covered by the plan, including a list of

1 any factors limiting the ability of the Coast Guard
2 to meet such projected demand.

3 “(6) A summary of the resources needed for the
4 Coast Guard to meet such projected demand for the
5 year covered by the plan, including—

6 “(A) staff;

7 “(B) infrastructure, including shore infra-
8 structure;

9 “(C) administrative and logistical support;
10 and

11 “(D) technology.

12 “(7) Any other matter the Commandant con-
13 sidered appropriate.

14 “(b) FORM.—Each plan required by subsection (a)
15 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
16 a classified annex.

17 “(c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
18 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall
19 provide to the appropriate committees of Congress a brief-
20 ing on the annual plan required by subsection (a) sub-
21 mitted during the preceding year.

22 “(d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate committees
24 of Congress’ means—

1 “(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
2 Transportation, the Committee on Appropriations,
3 and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
4 and

5 “(2) the Committee on Transportation and In-
6 frastructure, the Committee on Appropriations, and
7 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 **“§ 5117. Annual budget display for Coast Guard oper-**
10 **ations in the Pacific**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15,
12 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall sub-
13 mit to the appropriate committees of Congress a detailed
14 budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific
15 region for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which
16 the budget display is submitted. The Commandant shall
17 base such budget display on the projected demand for
18 Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region as identi-
19 fied in the most recent annual plan developed under sec-
20 tion 5116 of this title. Such budget display shall include,
21 for the year covered by the budget display, the following
22 information:

23 “(1) With respect to procurement accounts,
24 amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line
25 number, line item, and line item title.

1 “(2) With respect to research, development,
2 test, and evaluation accounts, amounts displayed by
3 account, budget activity, line number, program ele-
4 ment, and program element title.

5 “(3) With respect to operation and maintenance
6 accounts, amounts displayed by account title, budget
7 activity title, line number, and subactivity group
8 title.

9 “(4) With respect to military personnel ac-
10 counts, amounts displayed by account, budget activ-
11 ity, budget subactivity, and budget subactivity title.

12 “(b) FORM.—Each display under subsection (a) shall
13 be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a clas-
14 sified annex.

15 “(c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
16 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall
17 provide to the appropriate congressional committees a
18 briefing on the budget display required by subsection (a)
19 for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the
20 briefing is provided.

21 “(d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate committees
23 of Congress’ means—

24 “(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
25 Transportation, the Committee on Appropriations,

1 and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
 2 and

3 “(2) the Committee on Transportation and In-
 4 frastructure, the Committee on Appropriations, and
 5 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
 6 Representatives.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 8 at the beginning of chapter 51 of title 14, United States
 9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
 10 items:

“5116. Annual plan for the Coast Guard operations in the Pacific.”.

“5117. Annual budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific.”.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF STANDING INDO-PA-**
 12 **CIFIC MARITIME GROUP.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
 14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall
 15 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
 16 on the feasibility of establishing a standing Indo-Pacific
 17 maritime group, modeled after the standing North Atlan-
 18 tic Treaty Organization maritime groups, to conduct hu-
 19 manitarian and law enforcement missions in the Indo-Pa-
 20 cific region.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
 22 (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) Findings on the manner in which a stand-
 24 ing Indo-Pacific maritime group could enable the

1 Coast Guard to work more effectively with partner
2 countries in the Indo-Pacific region on—

- 3 (A) multilateral humanitarian missions;
- 4 (B) anti-piracy missions;
- 5 (C) emergency responses;
- 6 (D) maritime domain awareness issues;
- 7 and
- 8 (E) the prevention of unregulated and un-
- 9 reported fishing efforts.

10 (2) Any other matter the Commandant con-
11 sider appropriate.

12 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FORWARD OPER-**
13 **ATING BASES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in
16 consultation with the Commander of the United States
17 Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to the appropriate
18 committees of Congress a report on establishing forward
19 operating bases in the Indo-Pacific region.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
21 (a) shall include the following:

- 22 (1) A description of gaps in Coast Guard oper-
- 23 ations in the Indo-Pacific region, including any
- 24 logistical problems.

1 (2) A list of locations selected for the establish-
2 ment of forward operating bases in the Indo-Pacific
3 region, including mobile forward operating bases.

4 (3) A justification for the selection of each loca-
5 tion on such list.

6 (4) The cost of establishing such forward oper-
7 ating bases.

8 (5) The non-monetary resources and approvals
9 needed to establish such forward operating bases, in-
10 cluding authorizations and cooperation agreements.

11 (6) A timeline for completing, not later than
12 January 1, 2030, the establishment of such forward
13 operating bases.

14 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON COAST GUARD ATTACHÉS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in
17 consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to
18 the appropriate committees of Congress a report on Coast
19 Guard attachés serving in embassies in the Indo-Pacific
20 region.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
22 (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) The number of such Coast Guard attachés
24 actively serving in embassies in the Indo-Pacific re-
25 gion.

1 (2) A list of such embassies at which an in-
2 creased allocation of such attachés could better sup-
3 port United States objectives in the Indo-Pacific re-
4 gion.

5 (3) A plan to increase the number of such
6 attachés actively serving in such embassies, includ-
7 ing the resources and approvals necessary to achieve
8 such plan.

9 **SEC. 7. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONSULAR OF-**
10 **FICERS JOINING COAST GUARD AND NAVY**
11 **MISSIONS TO PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
14 fense, in coordination with the Commandant, the Com-
15 mander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, and
16 the Chief of Naval Operations, shall submit to the appro-
17 priate committees of Congress a report that analyzes the
18 feasibility of an initiative to attach Department of State
19 consular officers to Coast Guard and Navy missions in Pa-
20 cific Island countries.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
22 (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) An assessment of the current demand for
24 consular services from citizens of Pacific Island

1 countries and the challenges such citizens face in ob-
2 taining consular services.

3 (2) An assessment of the approximate time and
4 resources citizens of Pacific Island countries that do
5 not host United States embassies would save by hav-
6 ing their United States visas adjudicated, or by re-
7 ceiving other consular services, through the initiative
8 described in subsection (a).

9 (3) An assessment of the cost that would be in-
10 curred by the Department of State, the Coast
11 Guard, the United States Indo-Pacific Command,
12 and the Navy through the implementation of such
13 initiative, including potential alternative cost-effec-
14 tive options and recommendations for providing effi-
15 cient consular services to Pacific Island countries.

16 (4) An assessment of the frequency and dura-
17 tion of Coast Guard and Navy deployments to Pa-
18 cific Island countries, including—

19 (A) deployment frequency measured
20 against the desired number of visits;

21 (B) the amount of time typically spent in
22 port for such visits; and

23 (C) disruption to planned Coast Guard and
24 Navy missions in order to visit locations need-
25 ing consular assistance.

1 (5) An evaluation of the logistical issues need-
2 ing to be addressed to implement the initiative, in-
3 cluding—

4 (A) an analysis of spacing requirements to
5 host Department of State personnel and equip-
6 ment aboard Coast Guard and Navy vessels;

7 (B) an analysis of the information tech-
8 nology and connectivity requirements to conduct
9 consular affairs activities;

10 (C) the feasibility of printing visas aboard
11 Coast Guard and Navy vessels or alternatives to
12 such printing, including remote printing and
13 mailing of passports with visas;

14 (D) the maintenance of the physical secu-
15 rity of consular officers and relevant adjudica-
16 tion equipment, including computer systems
17 and visa foils, during such missions;

18 (E) the impacts on the operations and se-
19 curity of Coast Guard and Navy vessels; and

20 (F) the estimated time consular officers
21 would spend on board Coast Guard and Navy
22 vessels between visits to Pacific Island coun-
23 tries.

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