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To require a plan on emergency military assistance to Taiwan and other support to Taiwan’s defensive capabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. DUCKWORTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Strengthen Taiwan’s
5 Security Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED**
7 **STATES TO SUPPORT DEFENSIVE CAPABILI-**
8 **TIES OF TAIWAN.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter

1 through fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall
2 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress, a re-
3 port on the ability of the United States to support the
4 defensive capabilities of Taiwan.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The elements described in
7 this paragraph are the following:

8 (A) An assessment of the implications of
9 current levels of pre-positioned war reserve ma-
10 teriel on the ability of the United States to re-
11 spond to a natural disaster in or military inva-
12 sion of Taiwan, with respect to—

13 (i) providing military or non-military
14 aid to the Government of Taiwan; and

15 (ii) sustaining military installations
16 and other infrastructure of the United
17 States in the Indo-Pacific region.

18 (B) An evaluation of the use by the United
19 States Government of privileges available with
20 respect to Taiwan under the Foreign Assistance
21 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), including
22 war reserve stockpiles for allies and pre-posi-
23 tioned facilities.

24 (C) An assessment of ways the United
25 States Government could employ such privileges

1 to support the defensive capabilities of Taiwan
2 in the event of a military invasion.

3 (D) An assessment of the current intel-
4 ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capa-
5 bilities of Taiwan and any existing gaps in such
6 capabilities.

7 (E) An evaluation of options to enhance
8 such capabilities, that includes for each such
9 option—

10 (i) a description of—

11 (I) the gaps addressed;

12 (II) the resources required for
13 implementation;

14 (III) the potential constraints
15 with respect to implementation;

16 (ii) projected timeline for implementa-
17 tion; and

18 (iii) any other consideration the Sec-
19 retary of Defense considers necessary.

20 (2) INITIAL REPORT.—The initial report re-
21 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

22 (A) The elements described in paragraph

23 (1).

24 (B) The plan required by subsection (c).

1 (3) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—The second and
2 any subsequent report required by subsection (a)
3 shall include the following:

4 (A) The elements described in paragraph
5 (1).

6 (B) A summary of changes to pre-positi-
7 oned war reserve materiel of the United States
8 in the Indo-Pacific region as reported by the
9 Armed Forces since the preceding report.

10 (C) A summary of investments made by
11 Taiwan in intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
12 naissance capabilities since the preceding re-
13 port.

14 (D) Any updates to the plan required by
15 subsection (c), as determined by the Secretary
16 of Defense.

17 (c) PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MILITARY ASSIST-
18 ANCE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
20 close consultation with the Taiwan Ministry of De-
21 fense of Taiwan and the military forces of Taiwan,
22 shall develop a plan for the United States to use, to
23 the maximum extent practicable, existing authorities
24 or programs to expedite military assistance to Tai-

1 wan necessary for Taiwan to defend itself in the
2 event of a military invasion.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-
4 graph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) A list of defense articles of the United
6 States that may, with pre-approved authority,
7 be transferred to Taiwan during a military in-
8 vasion.

9 (B) A list of measures to be prioritized to
10 assist Taiwan during a military invasion, in-
11 cluding—

12 (i) prioritization of delivery of excess
13 defense articles to Taiwan;

14 (ii) use by the Secretary of Defense of
15 the lease authority and the Special Defense
16 Acquisition Fund established under section
17 51 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
18 U.S.C. 2795);

19 (iii) use of the presidential drawdown
20 authority under section 506(a) of the For-
21 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
22 2318(a));

23 (iv) use of presidential authority to
24 lend or lease defense articles to the Gov-
25 ernment of Taiwan; and

1 (v) temporary expedited congressional
2 review of arms sales to Taiwan.

3 (C) An assessment of methods that could
4 be used to deliver aid to Taiwan during a mili-
5 tary invasion of Taiwan, including—

6 (i) the feasibility of employing such
7 methods in different scenarios; and

8 (ii) recommendations for improving
9 the ability of the Armed Forces to deliver
10 assistance to Taiwan.

11 (D) An assessment of additional assistance
12 that could be provided to Taiwan if additional
13 authority is granted.

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

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

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

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
23 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
24 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Perma-
3 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
4 House of Representatives.

5 (2) MILITARY INVASION.—The term “military
6 invasion” includes—

7 (A) an amphibious landing or assault;

8 (B) an airborne operation or air assault;

9 (C) an aerial bombardment or blockade;

10 (D) missile attacks, including rockets, bal-
11 listic missiles, cruise missiles, and hypersonic
12 missiles; and

13 (E) a naval bombardment or blockade.

14 (3) NATURAL DISASTER.—The term “natural
15 disaster” means a disaster caused by natural forces,
16 including extreme weather events, sea-level rise, or
17 extreme drought conditions.