

## S 1620

### Taiwan Security Act of 2017

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**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 25, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4288	Identical bill	Nov 7, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.

## **Taiwan Security Act of 2017**

This bill directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to carry out a program of exchanges of senior military officers and senior officials between the United States and Taiwan that are designed to improve military relations.

Exchanges should focus on:

- threat analysis;
- military doctrine;
- force planning;
- logistical support;
- intelligence collection and analysis;
- operational tactics, techniques, and procedures;
- humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; and
- civil-military relations.

Such exchanges should be conducted in the United States and Taiwan.

The United States shall: (1) conduct regular transfers of defense articles to Taiwan to support its efforts to develop and integrate asymmetric capabilities into its military forces, and (2) host senior officials of the Taiwan Ministry of National Defense for an annual strategic dialogue on arms sales to ensure the regular transfer of such articles.

DOD shall invite Taiwan's military forces to participate in: (1) the 2018 Rim of the Pacific Exercise; and (2) one of the Red Flag military exercises at either Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, or Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

DOD shall: (1) reestablish regular ports of call by the U.S. Navy in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, or in other suitable ports on Taiwan; and (2) permit the United States Pacific Command to receive ports of call by Taiwan's navy in Hawaii, Guam, or other appropriate locations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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