

HR 2621

Strengthening Security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2017
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2810	Related bill	Dec 12, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-91.

Summary (as of May 24, 2017)

Strengthening Security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Act

This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to report to Congress regarding:

- U.S. defense priorities and challenges emanating from the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, including challenges from North Korea and China;
- an assessment of the U.S. force posture and basing needs in such region;
- an assessment of the actions and resources necessary to retain an eleventh combat aviation brigade in South Korea;
- an assessment of the Air Force's ability to employ bombers and associated weapons while forward deployed in support of operations in such region;
- a plan for enhancing the sharing of commercial imagery and national technical means with South Korea and Japan;
- a plan for identifying areas of cyber security collaboration and partnership with Asian allies and enhancing information operations and strategic communication strategies to counter Chinese, North Korean, and Russian information warfare and propaganda activities; and
- an assessment of Freedom of Navigation Operation patrols in the South China Sea.

FY2018 funds are authorized for DOD: (1) to address critical munitions shortfalls; (2) to procure area or missile defense interceptors; (3) for armed forces exercises with Japan, South Korea, and Australia; and (4) for joint training through the Combatant Commanders Exercise Engagement and Training Transformation Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.
- **May 24, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and the Budget, 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.