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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOORE of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE COORDINATION**

4                       **IN MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary of the  
6       Air Force shall incorporate in at least one multinational

1 exercise conducted in the area of operations of the United  
2 States Indo-Pacific Command—

3 (1) depot-level maintenance, repair, and  
4 sustainment considerations, including binational or  
5 multinational planning sessions with covered nations  
6 on—

7 (A) identifying opportunities to cooperate  
8 on depot-level maintenance and repair in ways  
9 that minimize transportation requirements in  
10 such area of operations and determining the au-  
11 thorities necessary to deliver the necessary joint  
12 capabilities;

13 (B) facilitating real-time coordination be-  
14 tween the United States and covered nations to  
15 maintain munitions stock levels and resupply  
16 routes in the such area of operations;

17 (C) mutual recognition of airworthiness  
18 and maintenance certification between the  
19 United States and covered nations; and

20 (D) emergency tabletop exercises, such as  
21 when an aircraft of a covered nation breaks  
22 down on United States territory, and vice versa,  
23 in a contested logistics environment.

1           (2) coordination with the Air Force  
2       Sustainment Center, including the participation of  
3       representatives of—

4           (A) the United States Indo-Pacific Com-  
5       mand;

6           (B) United States Air Force Pacific;

7           (C) United States Air Mobility Command;  
8       and

9           (D) the Air Force Sustainment Center.

10       (b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the  
11       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
12       Air Force shall submit to Congress a report summarizing  
13       the lessons learned from carrying out an exercise in ac-  
14       cordance with subsection (a) with respect to the Republic  
15       of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia. Such report  
16       shall include each of the following:

17           (1) A list of candidate systems for co-  
18       sustainment with Korea and Australia.

19           (2) A list of depot-level repair workload oppor-  
20       tunities to undertake with Korea and Australia, in-  
21       cluding testing equipment or line replaceable units.

22           (3) Opportunities to incorporate Korean and  
23       Australian industry partners in depot-level mainte-  
24       nance repair activities, including through public-pri-  
25       vate partnerships.

1           (4) An identification of any potential logistical  
2 challenges that could arise with the host country, in-  
3 cluding with respect to workforce, housing, and loca-  
4 tion of workload.

5           (5) An identification of any potential impedi-  
6 ments involving intellectual property or data rights  
7 between original equipment manufacturers and the  
8 Department of the Air Force or between the Depart-  
9 ment of the Air Force and named partner countries.

10          (6) An identification of any potential impedi-  
11 ments related to International Traffic in Arms Reg-  
12 ulations and related statutes.

13          (7) Any additional recommendations to Con-  
14 gress that would ease the facilitation of depot-level  
15 maintenance repair partnerships with Korea and  
16 Australia, including changes to existing status of  
17 forces agreements.

18          (8) An analysis of current maintenance and re-  
19 pair capabilities and gaps in the organic industrial  
20 base of Korea and Australia.

21          (9) An assessment of the types of maintenance  
22 and repair activities (depot-level, preventative, cor-  
23 rective) that may be most appropriate for partner-  
24 ship with Korea and Australia.

1           (10) An assessment of how partnerships may  
2           contribute to allied contingency operations, inter-  
3           operability, and regional posture resilience in the  
4           Indo-Pacific region.

5           (11) A consideration of planning factors related  
6           to the Air Force’s evolving force generation models,  
7           future-generation aircraft programs, deployment  
8           schedules, statutory maintenance thresholds, and  
9           other relevant operational requirements.

10          (c) COVERED NATION DEFINED.—In this section, the  
11         term “covered nation” means any of the following:

12                 (1) The Commonwealth of Australia.

13                 (2) Canada.

14                 (3) Japan.

15                 (4) New Zealand.

16                 (5) The Republic of Korea.

17                 (6) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
18         Northern Ireland.

19                 (7) Any other nation as designated as a covered  
20         nation for the purposes of this section by the Sec-  
21         retary of the Air Force.