

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18__ . FEASIBILITY OF COMMON CERTIFICATIONS**
2 **FOR NAVAL AVIATION AND NAVAL SEA SYS-**
3 **TEMS SUPPLY CHAINS.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Assist-
6 ant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, in
7 coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, shall submit
8 to the congressional defense committees a report on the
9 feasibility of establishing common certification standards
10 for suppliers participating in the supply chains of the
11 Naval Air Systems Command and the Naval Sea Systems
12 Command.

13 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under sub-
14 section (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) An assessment of the current certification
16 requirements for suppliers to the Naval Air Systems
17 Command and the Naval Sea Systems Command, in-
18 cluding an identification of certifications that are

1 duplicative, overlapping, or could be standardized
2 across both commands without compromising qual-
3 ity, safety, or security standards.

4 (2) An assessment of the feasibility of estab-
5 lishing a common certification framework under
6 which a supplier certified to participate in the supply
7 chain of one command would be recognized, without
8 redundant qualification processes, as eligible to par-
9 ticipate in the supply chain of the other command.

10 (3) An assessment of the potential effects of
11 such a common certification framework with respect
12 to—

13 (A) increasing competition among suppliers
14 for contracts with the Naval Air Systems Com-
15 mand and the Naval Sea Systems Command;

16 (B) expanding access to a greater number
17 of qualified suppliers for each command;

18 (C) reducing administrative and compli-
19 ance burdens on suppliers, particularly small
20 business concerns (as defined under section 3 of
21 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) and
22 nontraditional defense contractors (as defined
23 in section 3014 of title 10, United States
24 Code), associated with maintaining separate
25 certifications for each command;

1 (D) improving the sustainability and resil-
2 ience of the naval supply chain industrial base;
3 and

4 (E) any risks to quality assurance, safety,
5 or national security that may result from cer-
6 tification standardization.

7 (4) Recommendations for any legislative, regu-
8 latory, or policy changes necessary to implement a
9 common certification framework, including any
10 changes to existing qualification requirements ad-
11 ministered by the Defense Contract Management
12 Agency or other relevant entities.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “Naval Air Systems Command”
15 means the systems command of the Department of
16 the Navy responsible for research, development, ac-
17 quisition, and sustainment of naval aviation systems.

18 (2) The term “Naval Sea Systems Command”
19 means the systems command of the Department of
20 the Navy responsible for research, development, ac-
21 quisition, and sustainment of naval sea systems.

