

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle E of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10__.** **STUDY ON IMPROVEMENT OF ARMY CON-**
2 **TRACTED SEALIFT ASSETS.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) there is reason for concern with respect to
6 the adequacy, availability, and alignment of lift as-
7 sets—both strategic and tactical—within the area of
8 operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
9 mand; and

10 (2) given ongoing operational requirements,
11 contested logistics challenges, and the need for rapid
12 mobility in support of both deterrence and contin-
13 gency operations, a comprehensive analysis of cur-
14 rent and projected Army sealift capacity is war-
15 ranted.

16 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of
18 the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology shall

1 submit to the congressional defense committees a report
2 on options for expanding a reserve contracted wartime
3 sealift capacity in the Indo-Pacific region. In producing
4 the report, the Assistant Secretary shall take into consid-
5 eration the effects of contested logistics environments,
6 anti-access/area denial threats, and the necessity of dis-
7 tributed operations under both steady-state and high-end
8 conflict conditions. The report shall include each of the
9 following:

10 (1) An identification of each Army contracted
11 sealift asset available during fiscal year 2025 in the
12 area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific
13 Command.

14 (2) An evaluation of current and projected mis-
15 sion requirements and operational tempo through
16 fiscal year 2028, including an analysis of whether
17 the existing Army contracted sealift assets are suffi-
18 cient to meet the needs of the United States Indo-
19 Pacific Command and United States Army Pacific in
20 both peacetime and conflict scenarios.

21 (3) Recommendations for improving the con-
22 tracted sealift capability, capacity, and responsive-
23 ness of the sealift capacity of the Army in the area
24 of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
25 mand, including through—

- 1 (A) budgeting changes to ensure stable
2 and reliable sources of funding;
- 3 (B) improved coordination with the con-
4 tracted options of other military departments;
- 5 (C) on-call contracting during quickly esca-
6 lating crisis and conflict;
- 7 (D) posture adjustments;
- 8 (E) force structure changes; and
- 9 (F) interoperability improvements with al-
10 lies and partners.

