

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. CASE OF HAWAII

At the end of subtitle B of title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5____. STUDY ON BLENDED COMMAND STRUCTURE**
2 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR COMPO-**
3 **NENTS AND OF THE NATIONAL GUARD DUR-**
4 **ING A CRISIS OR CONFLICT IN THE INDO-PA-**
5 **CIFIC REGION.**

6 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Chief of the National
7 Guard Bureau, in consultation with the Commander of
8 United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall conduct a
9 comprehensive study on the feasibility, benefits, and risks
10 of establishing a blended command structure during a cri-
11 sis or conflict in the Indo-Pacific region that integrates
12 authorities under titles 10 and 32, United States Code,
13 for National Guard units based in Hawaii, the Northern
14 Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the com-
16 pletion of the study required under subsection (a), the
17 Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall submit to the
18 congressional defense committees a report containing the

1 results of such study. Such report shall include the fol-
2 lowing elements:

3 (1) A summary of recent and historical mis-
4 sions involving coordination between members of the
5 regular components and of the National Guard
6 under dual-status command.

7 (2) An assessment of current legal authorities
8 and operational constraints related to statutory com-
9 mand structures during a military crisis or conflict
10 occurring within the Indo-Pacific region.

11 (3) An analysis of potential improved models
12 for a blended command framework, including com-
13 mand and control arrangements, funding mecha-
14 nisms, and interoperability protocols.

15 (4) A review of potential effects on readiness,
16 responsiveness, mission effectiveness, and civilian
17 oversight.

18 (5) Recommendations for legislative, regulatory,
19 or policy changes to support the implementation of
20 a dual or integrated command structure, when ap-
21 propriate.

