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National Defense Authorization Bill

At the end of subtitle H of title XXVIII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 28. ANNUAL REPORT ON RENEWAL OF DEPART-
2 MENT OF DEFENSE EASEMENTS AND LEASES
3 OF LAND IN HAWAII.
4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
5 (1) Lands throughout the State of Hawai‘i, which are currently owned and leased by the Department of Defense or in which the Department of Defense otherwise has a real property interest, are critical to maintaining the readiness of the Armed Forces now stationed or to be stationed in Hawai‘i and throughout the Indo-Pacific region and elsewhere.
6 (2) Securing long-term continued utilization of those lands by the Armed Forces is thus critical to the national defense.
7 (3) As a result of various factors, including complex land ownership and utilization issues and competing actual and potential uses, the inter-
dependency of the various military components, and
the necessity of maintaining public support for the
presence and operations of the Armed Forces in Ha-
wai’i, the realization of the congressional and De-
partment of Defense goals of ensuring the continuity
of critical land and facilities infrastructure requires
a sustained, dedicated, funded, top-level effort to co-
ordinate realization of these goals across the Armed
Forces, between the Department of Defense and
other agencies of the Federal Government, and be-
tween the Department of Defense and the State of
Hawai’i and its civilian sector.

(4) The end result of this effort must account
for military and civilian concerns and for the chang-
ing missions and needs of all components of the
Armed Forces stationed or otherwise operating out
of the State of Hawai’i as the Department of De-
fense adjusts to meet the objectives outlined in the

(b) Annual Report.—

(1) Report required.—Not later than Feb-
uary 1 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall
submit to the congressional defense committee a re-
port describing the progress being made by the De-
partment of Defense to renew each Department of
Defense land lease and easement in the State of Hawai‘i that—

(A) encompasses one acre or more; and

(B) will expire within 10 years after the date of the submission of the report.

(2) REPORT ELEMENTS.— Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) The location, size, and expiration date of each lease and easement.

(B) Major milestones and expected timelines for maintaining access to the land covered by each lease and easement.

(C) Actions completed over the preceding two years for each lease and easement.

(D) Department-wide and service-specific authorities governing each lease and easement extension.

(E) A summary of coordination efforts between the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments.

(F) The status of efforts to develop an inventory of military land in Hawai‘i, including current and possible future uses of the land,
that would assist in land negotiations with the State of Hawai‘i.

(G) The risks and potential solutions to ensure the renewability of required and critical leases and easements.