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OFFERED BY MR. CASE OF HAWAI'I

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

SEC. 28. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORT ON EASEMENTS AND LEASED LANDS IN HAWAI'I.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Lands throughout the State of Hawai‘i 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.

(2) Securing long-term continued utilization of those lands by the Armed Forces is thus critical to the national defense.

(3) As a result of various factors, including complex land ownership and utilization issues and competing actual and potential uses, the interdependency of the various military components, and the necessity of maintaining public support for the presence and operations of the Armed Forces, the
realization of the congressional and Department of Defense goals of ensuring the continuity of critical land and facilities infrastructure requires a sustained, dedicated, funded, top-level effort to coordinate realization of these goals across the Armed Forces, between the Department of Defense and other agencies of the Federal Government, and between the Department of Defense and the State of Hawaiʻi and its civilian sector.

(4) The end result of this effort must account for military and civilian concerns and for the changing missions and needs of all components of the Armed Forces stationed or otherwise operating out of the State of Hawaiʻi as the Department of Defense adjusts to meet the objectives outlined in the National Defense Strategy.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the congressional defense committee a report describing the progress being made by the Department of Defense to renew Department of Defense land leases and easements in the State of Hawaiʻi that encompass one acre or more and will expire before January 1, 2030. The report shall include the following:
(1) The location, size, and expiration date of each lease and easement.

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

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

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

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

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

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