

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. MOYLAN OF GUAM

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGULATORY RE-**
2 **VIEWS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**From the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act through December 31, 2035, to
6 support the posture of the Armed Forces in the
7 United States Indo-Pacific Command area of re-
8 sponsibility, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary
9 of a military department, or the Commander of the
10 United States Indo-Pacific Command may provide
11 direct or indirect financial or technical assistance to
12 Federal agencies, State agencies, Indian tribes, and
13 Compact of Free Association countries and states
14 participating in the environmental review process for
15 military projects or programs to expedite such re-
16 views.

17 (2) **ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.—**Ex-
18 cept as described in subsection (c), activities for

1 which funds may be provided under paragraph (1)
2 include planning activities that precede the initiation
3 of the environmental review process, activities re-
4 lated to the environmental review process, dedicated
5 staffing, training of agency personnel, information
6 gathering and mapping, and development of applica-
7 ble consultation, permitting or compliance agree-
8 ments.

9 (3) PURPOSES.—Direct or indirect financial or
10 technical assistance under paragraph (1) may be
11 provided—

12 (A) to support activities that directly and
13 meaningfully contribute to expediting and im-
14 proving permitting and review processes, includ-
15 ing planning, approval, and consultation proc-
16 esses for military projects or programs, to in-
17 clude but not be limited to military readiness
18 activities as defined in section 315(f) of Public
19 Law 107–314; (16 U.S.C. 703 note), and con-
20 struction of infrastructure in support of the
21 Armed Forces in the United States in the Indo-
22 Pacific Command area of responsibility;

23 (B) through transfer of funds for dedicated
24 staffing or contract support, provided that prior
25 to transfer of funds the receiving entity and the

1 transferring entity enter into an agreement es-
2 tablishing the projects, programs, and priorities
3 to be addressed by the use of the funds; or in
4 the case of a foreign entity, the foreign country
5 agrees to or proposes uses of the funds accept-
6 able to the Secretary or Commander providing
7 the funds;

8 (C) through assignment of civilian, con-
9 tractor, or military personnel to provide tech-
10 nical assistance; or

11 (D) through contracts or cooperative
12 agreements providing for third party technical
13 assistance.

14 (b) FUNDING.—Direct or indirect financial or tech-
15 nical assistance under subsection (a) may be provided
16 using any funds otherwise available for operations and
17 maintenance, planning and design, or military construc-
18 tion related to projects or programs in the United States
19 Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.

20 (c) EXCLUSIONS.—None of the financial assistance
21 can relate to activities covered by section 2701 of title 10,
22 United States Code.

