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To provide expanded cooperation by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with Taiwan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL (for himself and Ms. CARAVEO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan and American
5 Space Assistance Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPACE COOPERATION WITH TAIWAN.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
4 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in co-
5 ordination with the Secretary of Commerce, acting
6 through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and
7 Atmospheric Administration, and the Secretary of State,
8 shall seek to engage Taiwan relating to expanding co-
9 operation regarding civilian space activities.

10 (b) COOPERATION EFFORTS.—In seeking to expand
11 the cooperation regarding civilian space activities between
12 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the
13 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and
14 Taiwan under subsection (a), the Administrator of the Na-
15 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Ad-
16 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
17 ministration, may carry out efforts to identify and pursue
18 space exploration, space applications, and science initia-
19 tives in areas of mutual benefit, consistent with the Tai-
20 wan Relations Act of 1979 and applicable export regula-
21 tions, and taking all appropriate measures to protect sen-
22 sitive information, intellectual property, trade secrets, and
23 economic interests of the United States, in the following
24 areas:

25 (1) Satellite programs, space exploration pro-
26 grams, and atmospheric and weather programs.

1 (2) Personnel exchanges of employees of the
2 National Aeronautics and Space Administration and
3 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
4 tion with the Taiwan Space Agency.

5 (3) Activities of mutual benefit related to com-
6 mercial space and atmospheric and weather tech-
7 nology and services.

8 (c) REPORT.—

9 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 270 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act and an-
11 nually thereafter for five years, the Administrator of
12 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
13 the Administrator of the National Oceanic and At-
14 mospheric Administration, and the Secretary of
15 State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
16 committees a report on the implementation of this
17 section.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph
19 (1) shall include the following:

20 (A) A description of the activities con-
21 ducted between the National Aeronautics and
22 Space Administration and the National Oceanic
23 and Atmospheric Administration with Taiwan.

1 (B) An identification of any challenges and
2 resources that need to be addressed to expand
3 such cooperation.

4 (C) An overview of efforts undertaken pur-
5 suant to this section.

6 (D) Any other matter the Administrator of
7 the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-
8 tration, the Administrator of the National Oce-
9 anic and Atmospheric Administration, and the
10 Secretary of State consider relevant.

11 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
12 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
13 gressional committees” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Science, Space, and
15 Technology and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
16 the House of Representatives; and

17 (2) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
18 Transportation and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
19 tions of the Senate.

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