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To require the Secretary of Defense to enhance the readiness of the Department of Defense to challenges relating to climate change and to improve the energy and resource efficiency of the Department, and for other purposes.

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Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Defense to enhance the readiness of the Department of Defense to challenges relating to climate change and to improve the energy and resource efficiency of the Department, and for other purposes.

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 “Department of Defense
5 Climate Resilience and Readiness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) CLIMATE CHANGE.—The term “climate
2 change” means a change of climate that is—

3 (A) attributed directly or indirectly to
4 human activity that alters the composition of
5 the global atmosphere; and

6 (B) in addition to natural climate varia-
7 bility observed over comparable time periods.

8 (2) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—
9 The term “congressional defense committees” has
10 the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16)
11 of title 10, United States Code.

12 (3) GREEN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY.—
13 The term “green manufacturing technology” means
14 manufacturing processes that—

15 (A) use low carbon intensity materials;

16 (B) reduce carbon emissions or have low
17 global warming potential during the production
18 of the material or product; and

19 (C) use renewable energy resources in pro-
20 ducing the material or product.

21 (4) NET ZERO ENERGY.—The term “net zero
22 energy” means a reduction by an entity in overall
23 energy use, maximization of energy efficiency, and
24 implementation and use of energy recovery and co-
25 generation capabilities, and an offset of the remain-

1 ing demand for energy with production of energy
2 from onsite renewable energy sources, such that as
3 much energy is produced by the entity as the entity
4 uses over the course of a year.

5 (5) RESILIENCE.—The term “resilience” has
6 the meaning given the term “energy and climate re-
7 siliency” in section 2864(f)(3) of title 10, United
8 States Code.

9 (6) NON-OPERATIONAL SOURCES.—The term
10 “non-operational sources”—

11 (A) means fixed installations, enduring lo-
12 cations, and non-tactical vehicles of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense; and

14 (B) does not include sources in connection
15 with the training, moving, and sustaining of the
16 Armed Forces and weapons platforms for mili-
17 tary operations and training, including tactical
18 power systems and generators at non-enduring
19 locations of the Department of Defense.

20 (7) RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE.—The term
21 “renewable energy source” has the meaning given
22 that term in section 2924(6) of title 10, United
23 States Code.

24 (8) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
25 States” means the several States, the District of Co-

1 lumbia, and any territory or possession of the
2 United States.

3 **SEC. 3. NET ZERO ENERGY BY NON-OPERATIONAL**
4 **SOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
5 **FENSE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense shall
7 achieve aggregate net zero energy across the Department
8 in use of energy by non-operational sources by not later
9 than December 31, 2034.

10 (b) STRATEGY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report
14 setting forth the strategy of the Department of De-
15 fense to achieve the requirement under subsection
16 (a).

17 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
18 graph (1) shall set forth the following:

19 (A) The strategy of the Department of De-
20 fense to achieve the requirement under sub-
21 section (a) for all installations under the juris-
22 diction of the Department (other than the mili-
23 tary departments).

24 (B) The strategy of each military depart-
25 ment to achieve the requirement under sub-

1 section (a) for all installations under the juris-
2 diction of such department.

3 (C) An assessment of the manner in which
4 the achievement by the Department of Defense
5 of the requirement under subsection (a) will en-
6 hance the readiness of the Armed Forces to ad-
7 dress threats posed by Russia, China, Iran,
8 North Korea, and violent extremism.

9 (3) BIENNIAL UPDATE.—Not later than two
10 years after the submittal of the report required by
11 paragraph (1), and every two years thereafter
12 through December 31, 2034, the Secretary shall
13 submit to Congress a report setting forth the fol-
14 lowing:

15 (A) A current assessment of the progress
16 of the Department of Defense in implementing
17 the strategy described in paragraph (1), set
18 forth by military department, Defense Agency,
19 and other component or element of the Depart-
20 ment.

21 (B) Any updates to the strategy.

22 (4) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
23 sult with the National Academy of Sciences and a
24 federally funded research and development center in

1 developing the report required by paragraph (1) and
2 any update to that report under paragraph (3).

3 (c) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
5 may waive the requirement in subsection (a) if the
6 Secretary—

7 (A) determines that achievement of such
8 requirement would adversely affect operational
9 safety, force protection, or the national security
10 interests of the United States; and

11 (B) submits to the congressional defense
12 committees a written notification of the waiver,
13 together with a justification for the waiver.

14 (2) PERIOD.—The period of any waiver under
15 paragraph (1) may not exceed 30 days.

16 (3) RENEWAL.—Any waiver under this sub-
17 section may be renewed one or more times, in the
18 manner provided for the initial such waiver under
19 paragraph (1) and for the period provided for in
20 paragraph (2).

1 **SEC. 4. INCLUSION IN ANNUAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND**
2 **RESILIENCE REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE OF LIST OF MILITARY INSTALLA-**
4 **TIONS THAT EMIT THE MOST CARBON AND**
5 **ESTIMATE OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY DE-**
6 **PARTMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—For every fiscal year beginning
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Defense shall include in the Annual Energy Manage-
10 ment and Resilience Report for that fiscal year—

11 (1) a list of the ten installations within each
12 military department that emit the most carbon;

13 (2) an estimate of all energy consumption by
14 the Department of Defense, including greenhouse
15 gas emissions; and

16 (3) an assessment of greenhouse gas emissions
17 at all installations of the Department, disaggregated
18 by operational and non-operational sources.

19 (b) METRICS.—In determining energy consumption
20 and greenhouse gas emissions under paragraphs (2) and
21 (3) of subsection (a), the Secretary shall use metrics es-
22 tablished by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-
23 tion and Sustainment, in consultation with the National
24 Academy of Sciences and a federally funded research and
25 development center.

1 **SEC. 5. CLIMATE-CONSCIOUS CONTRACTING OF DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 873 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 8756. Requirements relating to energy consump-**
7 **tion and climate change**

8 “(a) PROJECTED ENERGY CONSUMPTION.—Each
9 Department of Defense contract for the procurement of
10 property or services entered into on or after October 1,
11 2025, shall include a written estimate by the Department
12 of the total projected energy consumption of all work to
13 be performed under the contract, and a statement of
14 whether the contract will include investments by the con-
15 tractor or the Department in renewable energy or energy-
16 efficient sources.

17 “(b) POLICY ON CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN FAC-
18 TORS IN DETERMINATIONS TO AWARD CONTRACTS.—In
19 making any determination to enter into a contract de-
20 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall
21 take into account—

22 “(1) whether the contractor verifiably produces
23 as much renewable energy as the total energy it con-
24 sumes; and

25 “(2) whether there is any order against the con-
26 tractor by the Environmental Protection Agency, the

1 Department of Justice, or a State attorney general
 2 to pay a fine or take remedial action for a violation
 3 of an environmental law or regulation of the United
 4 States.

5 “(c) DISCLOSURE OF CLIMATE-RELATED RISKS.—
 6 Each prospective contractor with the Department of De-
 7 fense shall, as a prerequisite of bidding for a contract with
 8 the Department, submit a detailed statement to the De-
 9 partment that includes information regarding—

10 “(1) the identification of, the evaluation of po-
 11 tential financial impacts of, and any risk-manage-
 12 ment strategies relating to—

13 “(A) physical risks posed to the contractor
 14 by climate change; and

15 “(B) transition risks posed to the con-
 16 tractor by climate change;

17 “(2) a description of any established corporate
 18 governance processes and structures to identify, as-
 19 sess, and manage climate-related risks; and

20 “(3) an inventory of annual Scopes 1, 2, and 3
 21 greenhouse gas emissions.

22 “(d) ASSESSMENT OF FEES TO COMBAT CLIMATE
 23 CHANGE.—(1) Each Department of Defense contract for
 24 the procurement of property or services entered into on
 25 or after October 1, 2025, shall include a requirement that

1 the contractor pay to the Department of Defense a fee
2 equal to one percent of the value of the contract in the
3 case of a contractor that is not, at the time of the Depart-
4 ment's solicitation of the contract, verifiably producing as
5 much renewable energy as the total energy it consumes.

6 “(2) Any contractor required to pay a fee under para-
7 graph (1) with respect to a contract may not offset the
8 cost of such fee by increasing the amount of the proposal
9 for such contract.

10 “(e) WAIVER.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may
11 waive the requirements in subsections (a) and (b) if the
12 Secretary—

13 “(A)(i) determines that such requirements
14 would adversely affect operational safety, force pro-
15 tection, or the national security interests of the
16 United States; or

17 “(ii) with respect to particular property or serv-
18 ices, determines that—

19 “(I) market conditions for the property or
20 services have adversely affected (or will in the
21 near future adversely affect) the acquisition of
22 the property or services by the Department of
23 Defense; and

24 “(II) the waiver will expedite or facilitate
25 the acquisition of the property or services; and

1 “(B) submits to the congressional defense com-
2 mittees a written notification of the waiver, together
3 with a justification for the waiver.

4 “(2) The period of any waiver under paragraph (1)
5 may not exceed 30 days.

6 “(3) Any waiver under this subsection may be re-
7 newed one or more times, in the manner provided for the
8 initial such waiver under paragraph (1) and for the period
9 provided for in paragraph (2).”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 at the beginning of chapter 873 of title 10, United States
12 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
13 section 8755 the following new item:

 “8756. Requirements relating to energy consumption and climate change.”.

14 (c) ENERGY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE FUND.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
16 Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known
17 as the “Energy and Climate Resilience Fund” (in
18 this subsection referred to as the “Fund”), to be ad-
19 ministered by the Secretary of Defense.

20 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts deposited in
21 the Fund shall be used only for climate-related im-
22 provements that contribute to the continued oper-
23 ational viability and the resilience of the networks,
24 systems, installations, facilities, and other assets and
25 capabilities of the Department of Defense.

1 (3) DEPOSIT AND AVAILABILITY OF
2 AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding section 3302 of title
3 31, United States Code, fees collected under section
4 8756(d) of title 10, United States Code, as added by
5 subsection (a)—

6 (A) shall be deposited into the Fund to
7 carry out the activities described in paragraph
8 (2);

9 (B) to the extent and in the amounts pro-
10 vided in advance in appropriations Acts, shall
11 be available to the Secretary of Defense; and

12 (C) shall remain available until expended.

13 (4) CLIMATE-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS DE-
14 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “climate-re-
15 lated improvements” means efforts by the Depart-
16 ment of Defense to prepare for, or mitigate the ef-
17 fects of, the following:

18 (A) Extreme weather.

19 (B) Rising sea tides and sea levels.

20 (C) Increased flooding.

21 (D) Drought.

22 (E) Desertification.

23 (F) Wildfires.

24 (G) Thawing permafrost.

1 (H) Such other conditions as the Secretary
2 determines necessary.

3 (d) CONTRACTING PREFERENCE FOR GREEN MANU-
4 FACTURING TECHNOLOGY.—

5 (1) CONTRACTS FOR GREEN MANUFACTURING
6 TECHNOLOGY.—With respect to contracts awarded
7 by the Department of Defense, the Department shall
8 give a preference to qualified contractors.

9 (2) POLICY ON CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
10 FACTORS IN DETERMINATIONS TO AWARD CON-
11 TRACTS.—In making any determination to enter into
12 a contract described in paragraph (1), the Secretary
13 of Defense shall take into account—

14 (A) whether the qualified contractor
15 verifiably produces as much renewable energy
16 as the total energy it consumes;

17 (B) whether the qualified contractor
18 verifiably uses green manufacturing technology;
19 and

20 (C) whether there is any order against the
21 qualified contractor by the Environmental Pro-
22 tection Agency, the Department of Justice, or a
23 State attorney general to pay a fine or take re-
24 medial action for a violation of an environ-
25 mental law or regulation of the United States.

1 (3) VERIFICATION AND REPORTING OF QUALI-
2 FIED CONTRACTORS.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall prescribe such procedures as may be necessary
4 for—

5 (A) contractors to verify that they are
6 qualified contractors;

7 (B) qualified contractors meeting the re-
8 quirements of paragraph (2) to certify that not
9 more than 25 percent of the amount paid under
10 the contract will be expended on a subcontract
11 to a contractor that is not verifiably meeting
12 those requirements, subject to such necessary
13 and reasonable waivers as the Secretary may
14 prescribe; and

15 (C) recording information on each use of
16 the authority under paragraph (1), including
17 details relevant to the nature of the contract
18 and the qualified contractor, and providing that
19 information to the Comptroller General of the
20 United States.

21 (4) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED
22 STATES REPORT.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than five
24 years after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act, the Comptroller General of the United

1 States shall submit to the congressional defense
2 committees a report on the individual and ag-
3 gregate uses of the authority under paragraph
4 (1), using such data as may be available up to
5 that time.

6 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report under sub-
7 paragraph (A) shall include—

8 (i) an assessment of the frequency
9 and nature of the use of the authority
10 under paragraph (1); and

11 (ii) the tendency of contractors to be-
12 come qualified contractors in order to qual-
13 ify for the authority under paragraph (1).

14 (5) QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR DEFINED.—In
15 this subsection, the term “qualified contractor”
16 means a contractor that uses green manufacturing
17 technology.

18 (e) SET ASIDE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
19 THAT USE GREEN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY.—

20 (1) CONTRACTS FOR GREEN MANUFACTURING
21 TECHNOLOGY.—With respect to contracts awarded
22 by the Department of Defense, the Department shall
23 award—

1 (A) in fiscal year 2026, not fewer than five
2 percent of contracts to qualified small busi-
3 nesses;

4 (B) by fiscal year 2031, not fewer than 20
5 percent of contracts to qualified small busi-
6 nesses; and

7 (C) by fiscal year 2034, not fewer than 50
8 percent of contracts to qualified small busi-
9 nesses.

10 (2) POLICY ON CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
11 FACTORS IN DETERMINATIONS TO AWARD CON-
12 TRACTS.—In making any determination to enter into
13 a contract described in paragraph (1), the Secretary
14 of Defense shall take into account—

15 (A) whether the qualified small business
16 verifiably produces as much renewable energy
17 as the total energy it consumes;

18 (B) whether the qualified small business
19 verifiably uses green manufacturing technology
20 or operates with net zero energy; and

21 (C) whether there is any order against the
22 qualified small business by the Environmental
23 Protection Agency, the Department of Justice,
24 or a State attorney general to pay a fine or
25 take remedial action for a violation of an envi-

1 ronmental law or regulation of the United
2 States.

3 (3) VERIFICATION AND REPORTING OF QUALI-
4 FIED SMALL BUSINESSES.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense shall prescribe such procedures as may be nec-
6 essary for—

7 (A) contractors to verify that they are
8 qualified small businesses;

9 (B) qualified small businesses meeting the
10 requirements of paragraph (2) to certify that
11 not more than 25 percent of the amount paid
12 under the contract will be expended on a sub-
13 contract to a contractor that is not verifiably
14 meeting those requirements, subject to such
15 necessary and reasonable waivers as the Sec-
16 retary may prescribe; and

17 (C) recording information on awards under
18 paragraph (1), including details relevant to the
19 nature of the contract and the qualified small
20 business, and providing that information to the
21 Comptroller General of the United States.

22 (4) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED
23 STATES REPORT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than five
25 years after the date of the enactment of this

1 Act, the Comptroller General of the United
2 States shall submit to the congressional defense
3 committees a report on the individual and ag-
4 gregate awards under paragraph (2), using
5 such data as may be available up to that time.

6 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report under sub-
7 paragraph (A) shall include—

8 (i) an assessment of the frequency
9 and nature of awards under paragraph (1);
10 and

11 (ii) the tendency of small business
12 concerns to become qualified small busi-
13 nesses in order to qualify for awards under
14 paragraph (1).

15 (5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 (A) QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS.—The
17 term “qualified small business” means a small
18 business concern that verifiably uses green
19 manufacturing technology or operates with net
20 zero energy.

21 (B) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The
22 term “small business concern” has the meaning
23 given that term in section 3 of the Small Busi-
24 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

1 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT ON EFFECTS OF CLIMATE**
2 **CHANGE ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
5 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
6 defense committees a report on vulnerabilities to military
7 installations and combatant commander requirements re-
8 sulting from climate change that builds upon the report
9 submitted under section 335(c) of the National Defense
10 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–
11 91; 131 Stat. 1358).

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
13 (a) shall include the following:

14 (1) An explanation of the underlying method-
15 ology behind the climate vulnerability analysis con-
16 ducted in preparing the report under section 335(c)
17 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2018.

19 (2) An assessment of how climate change af-
20 fects low-lying military installations, military instal-
21 lations of the Navy and the Marine Corps, and mili-
22 tary installations outside the United States.

23 (3) An assessment of how climate change af-
24 fects access of members of the Armed Forces to
25 training ranges.

1 (4) With respect to a military installation in a
2 country outside the United States, an assessment of
3 the collaboration between the Department of De-
4 fense and the military or civilian agencies of the gov-
5 ernment of that country or nongovernmental organi-
6 zations operating in that country to adapt to risks
7 from climate change.

8 (5) An assessment of how climate change af-
9 fects housing safety and food security on military in-
10 stallations.

11 (6) An assessment of the strategic benefits de-
12 rived from isolating infrastructure of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense in the United States from the na-
14 tional electric grid and the use of energy-efficient,
15 distributed, and smart power grids by the Armed
16 Forces in the United States and overseas to ensure
17 affordable access to electricity.

18 (7) A list of the ten military installations within
19 each military department that are most vulnerable to
20 climate change based on the effects of the following:

21 (A) Geographic location.

22 (B) Extreme weather.

23 (C) Rising sea tides and sea levels.

24 (D) Increased flooding.

25 (E) Drought.

1 (F) Desertification.

2 (G) Wildfires.

3 (H) Thawing permafrost.

4 (I) Such other categories as the Secretary
5 determines necessary.

6 (8) A climate vulnerability score, determined by
7 the Secretary, for each military installation of the
8 Department.

9 (9) An overview of mitigations, in addition to
10 current efforts undertaken by the Department, that
11 may be necessary to ensure the continued oper-
12 ational viability and to increase the resilience of the
13 vulnerable military installations identified under
14 paragraph (7), and the estimated costs of those miti-
15 gations.

16 (10) An assessment of how adapting to climate
17 change impacts the readiness of the Armed Forces
18 to address the threats posed by Russia, China, Iran,
19 North Korea, and violent extremism.

20 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing each report
21 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall con-
22 sult with the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-
23 tion Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator
24 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
25 the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management

1 Agency, the Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers,
 2 the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space
 3 Administration, a federally funded research and develop-
 4 ment center, and the heads of such other relevant Federal
 5 agencies as the Secretary of Defense determines appro-
 6 priate.

7 (d) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-
 8 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
 9 contain a classified annex if necessary.

10 (e) PUBLICATION.—Upon submittal of the report re-
 11 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall
 12 publish the unclassified portion of the report on an inter-
 13 net website of the Department of Defense that is available
 14 to the public.

15 **SEC. 7. INCORPORATION OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE INTO**
 16 **EXISTING STRATEGIES OF THE DEPARTMENT**
 17 **OF DEFENSE.**

18 (a) CODIFICATION OF DIRECTIVE ON CLIMATE
 19 CHANGE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Directive 4715.21 of the De-
 21 partment of Defense, dated January 14, 2016, and
 22 entitled “Climate Change Adaptation and Resil-
 23 ience”, shall remain in effect.

24 (2) REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DIREC-
 25 TIVE.—Each posture statement submitted to Con-

1 gress by the Secretary of a military department, the
2 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or the com-
3 mander of a combatant command shall include a de-
4 scription of the implementation and discharge by
5 such official of the Directive referred to in para-
6 graph (1), including the personnel assigned to imple-
7 ment and discharge the Directive and the progress
8 achieved in such implementation and discharge.

9 (b) INCORPORATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE INTO
10 CERTAIN DEFENSE STRATEGIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
12 coordination with the heads of other elements of the
13 intelligence community, the Administrator of the
14 Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of
15 Energy, the Administrator of the National Oceanic
16 and Atmospheric Administration, the Administrator
17 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the
18 Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, the
19 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
20 Space Administration, and the heads of such other
21 relevant Federal agencies as the Secretary of De-
22 fense determines appropriate, shall incorporate cli-
23 mate change into the National Defense Strategy, the
24 National Military Strategy, and operational plans of
25 the Department of Defense.

1 (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DEFINED.—In
2 this subsection, the term “intelligence community”
3 has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the
4 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

5 (c) IMPLEMENTATION AND DISCHARGE OF REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.—

7 (1) CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM ON INCORPORA-
8 TION OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE INTO DEFENSE
9 STRATEGIES.—Among the cross-functional teams es-
10 tablished by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to
11 subsection (c) of section 911 of the National De-
12 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub-
13 lic Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2345; 10 U.S.C. 111
14 note) in support of the organizational strategy for
15 the Department of Defense required by subsection
16 (a) of that section, the Secretary shall establish a
17 cross-functional team on the implementation and
18 discharge of the requirements under this section.

19 (2) ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES.—The
20 cross-functional team required by paragraph (1)
21 shall be established in accordance with subsection (c)
22 of section 911 of the National Defense Authorization
23 Act for Fiscal Year 2017, and shall be governed in
24 its activities in accordance with the provisions of
25 such subsection (c).

1 (3) COORDINATION.—The cross-functional team
 2 required by paragraph (1) shall coordinate with the
 3 Chief Sustainability Officer of the Department of
 4 Defense while implementing and discharging the re-
 5 quirements under this section.

6 (4) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The
 7 cross-functional team required by paragraph (1)
 8 shall be established by not later than 90 days after
 9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 8. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION**
 11 **ON ENERGY STORAGE, HYBRID MICROGRID,**
 12 **AND ENERGY RESILIENCE.**

13 (a) RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRA-
 14 TION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
 16 consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall
 17 carry out research, development, and demonstration
 18 of hybrid microgrid systems and electric grid energy
 19 storage within the Environmental Security Tech-
 20 nology Certification Program of the Department of
 21 Defense.

22 (2) COMPLEMENTING EXISTING PROGRAM.—Ac-
 23 tivities carried out under paragraph (1) shall com-
 24 plement the energy demonstration program required
 25 under section 3201(d) of the Energy Act of 2020

1 (42 U.S.C. 17232(d)) and the Strategic Environ-
2 mental Research and Development Program under
3 section 2901 of title 10, United States Code.

4 (b) MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
6 (a)(1), the Secretary of Defense shall organize ac-
7 tivities among multidisciplinary teams to leverage, to
8 the maximum extent practicable, expertise from the
9 Department of Energy, the National Laboratories,
10 institutions of higher education, existing research
11 programs, and the private sector.

12 (2) GOALS.—The multidisciplinary teams orga-
13 nized under paragraph (1) shall pursue aggressive,
14 milestone-driven, and basic research, development,
15 and demonstration goals to carry out subsection
16 (a)(1).

17 (3) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of Defense
18 shall provide sufficient resources to the multidisci-
19 plinary teams organized under paragraph (1) to
20 achieve the goals described in paragraph (2) over a
21 ten-year period.

22 (c) AREAS OF FOCUS.—The activities conducted
23 under subsection (a)(1) shall focus on—

24 (1) addressing electrical power intermittency;

1 (2) integrating renewable energy sources into
 2 microgrid systems, hybrid microgrid systems, energy
 3 storage, grid security, and local generation of zero-
 4 carbon fuels;

5 (3) the inspection and structural health moni-
 6 toring of critical energy infrastructure;

7 (4) materials, electric thermal,
 8 electromechanical, and electrochemical systems re-
 9 search;

10 (5) power conversion technologies research;

11 (6) developing and using fuel-efficient engines;

12 (7) additive manufacturing;

13 (8) developing—

14 (A) empirical and science-based industry
 15 standards to compare the storage capacity,
 16 cycle length and capabilities, and reliability of
 17 different types of electricity storage; and

18 (B) validation and testing techniques;

19 (9) other fundamental and applied research
 20 critical to widespread deployment of electricity stor-
 21 age;

22 (10) device development that builds on results
 23 from research described in paragraphs (4), (5), and
 24 (9), including combinations of power electronics, ad-

1 vanced optimizing controls, and energy storage as a
2 general purpose element of the electric grid;

3 (11) micro-scale testing and analysis of storage
4 devices, including test-beds and field trials;

5 (12) microgrid systems and hybrid microgrid
6 systems to increase the resilience of critical infra-
7 structure of the Department of Defense;

8 (13) the potential for energy storage and re-
9 newable resources, including wind, solar, and hydro-
10 power, to be integrated into microgrid systems or
11 hybrid microgrid systems of installations of the De-
12 partment of Defense;

13 (14) the capacity of the workforce of the De-
14 partment of Defense to operate, maintain, and re-
15 pair a microgrid system or hybrid microgrid system;

16 (15) opportunities to develop the capacity to op-
17 erate, maintain, and repair a hybrid microgrid sys-
18 tem;

19 (16) leveraging existing capacity within local or
20 regional research organizations, such as organiza-
21 tions based at institutions of higher education, to
22 support development of hybrid microgrid systems,
23 including by testing novel components and systems
24 prior to field deployment;

1 (17) electricity storage device safety and reli-
 2 ability, including potential failure modes, mitigation
 3 measures, and operational guidelines;

4 (18) standards for performance, control inter-
 5 face, grid interconnection, and interoperability of
 6 electricity storage devices;

7 (19) maintaining a public database of energy
 8 storage projects, policies, codes, standards, and reg-
 9 ulations; and

10 (20) such other criteria as the Secretary of De-
 11 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy,
 12 determines appropriate.

13 (d) COLLABORATION.—The activities conducted
 14 under subsection (a)(1) shall be carried out in collabora-
 15 tion with relevant stakeholders, including, as appro-
 16 priate—

17 (1) States;

18 (2) Indian tribes;

19 (3) regional entities and regulators;

20 (4) units of local government;

21 (5) institutions of higher education, including
 22 historically Black colleges or universities and other
 23 minority-serving institutions; and

24 (6) private sector entities.

25 (e) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
3 nually thereafter until 2034, the Secretary of De-
4 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
5 mittees a report on the efforts to implement sub-
6 section (a)(1), including any strategy developed to
7 implement the activities under such subsection.

8 (2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report under
9 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
10 form but may contain a classified annex if necessary.

11 (3) PUBLICATION.—Upon submittal of the re-
12 port under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pub-
13 lish the unclassified portion of the report on an
14 internet website of the Department that is available
15 to the public.

16 (f) ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—The Secretary of De-
17 fense may provide technical and financial assistance to
18 States, Indian tribes, units of local government, institu-
19 tions of higher education, or private sector entities to par-
20 ticipate in or use research, development, or demonstration
21 of technology developed under this section.

22 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Defense
24 to carry out this section the following:

25 (1) For fiscal year 2026, \$10,000,000.

1 (2) For fiscal year 2027, \$25,000,000.

2 (3) For fiscal year 2028, \$50,000,000.

3 (4) For fiscal year 2029, \$75,000,000.

4 (5) For fiscal year 2030, \$125,000,000.

5 (6) For fiscal year 2031, \$200,000,000.

6 (7) For each of fiscal years 2032 through 2034,
7 \$250,000,000.

8 (h) NO EFFECT ON OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.—

9 Nothing in this section authorizes regulatory actions that
10 would duplicate or conflict with regulatory requirements,
11 mandatory standards, or related processes under section
12 215 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o).

13 (i) USE OF FUNDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
14 ticable, in carrying out this section, the Secretary of De-
15 fense shall ensure that the use of funds to carry out this
16 section is coordinated with the Secretary of Energy and
17 among different offices within the Grid Modernization Ini-
18 tiative of the Department of Energy and the Energy
19 Grand Storage Challenge of the Department of Energy.

20 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
22 VERSITY.—The term “historically Black college or
23 university” has the meaning given the term “part B
24 institution” in section 322(2) of the Higher Edu-
25 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)).

1 (2) HYBRID MICROGRID SYSTEM.—The term
2 “hybrid microgrid system” means a stand-alone elec-
3 trical system that—

4 (A) is comprised of conventional generation
5 and at least one alternative energy resource;
6 and

7 (B) may use grid-scale energy storage.

8 (3) MICROGRID SYSTEM.—The term “microgrid
9 system” means a standalone electrical system that
10 uses grid-scale energy storage.

11 (4) NATIONAL LABORATORY.—The term “Na-
12 tional Laboratory” has the meaning given that term
13 in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
14 U.S.C. 15801).

15 **SEC. 9. CONDITIONS ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLO-**
16 **SURE ACTIVITIES FUNDED THROUGH BASE**
17 **CLOSURE ACCOUNT OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
18 **FENSE.**

19 (a) CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS REQUIRED.—With
20 respect to any Base Realignment and Closure round begun
21 by the Department of Defense after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, the Department shall consider current
23 and potential vulnerabilities to installations and operations
24 of the Department of Defense resulting from climate

1 change and the resilience of installations of the Depart-
2 ment.

3 (b) BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ROUND DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “Base Realignment and
5 Closure round” means base realignment and closure ac-
6 tivities, including real property acquisition and military
7 construction projects, as authorized by the Defense Base
8 Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title
9 XXIX of Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) and
10 funded through the Department of Defense Base Closure
11 Account established by section 2906 of such Act (as
12 amended by section 2711 of the Military Construction Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (division B of Public
14 Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2140)).

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