

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7147

To direct the Secretary of Defense to make publicly available on a website of the Department of Defense the cost to each United States taxpayer of certain contingency operations conducted by the United States Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2022

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. MELJER, and Ms. JACOBS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to make publicly available on a website of the Department of Defense the cost to each United States taxpayer of certain contingency operations conducted by the United States Armed Forces, 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 “Cost of War Act of
5 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF COST OF CERTAIN MILI-**
2 **TARY OPERATIONS TO EACH UNITED STATES**
3 **TAXPAYER.**

4 Section 1090 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by inserting “(a) PUBLICATION OF INFOR-
8 MATION.—” before “The Secretary of Defense”;

9 (2) by striking “of each of the wars in Afghani-
10 stan, Iraq, and Syria.” and inserting “of any over-
11 seas contingency operation conducted by the United
12 States Armed Forces on or after September 18,
13 2001.”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 sections:

16 “(b) DISPLAY OF INFORMATION.—The information
17 required to be posted under subsection (a) shall—

18 “(1) be posted directly on the website of the
19 Department of Defense, in an accessible and clear
20 format;

21 “(2) include corresponding documentation as
22 links or attachments; and

23 “(3) include, for each overseas contingency op-
24 eration—

25 “(A) both the total cost to each taxpayer,
26 and the cost to each taxpayer for each fiscal

1 year, of conducting the overseas contingency op-
2 eration;

3 “(B) a list of countries where the overseas
4 contingency operation has taken place; and

5 “(C) for each such country, both the total
6 cost to each taxpayer, and the cost to each tax-
7 payer for each fiscal year, of conducting the
8 overseas contingency operation in that country.

9 “(c) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall ensure that all
10 the information required to be posted under subsection (a)
11 is updated by not later than 90 days after the last day
12 of each fiscal year.

13 “(d) CONTINGENCY OPERATION DEFINED.—In this
14 section, the term ‘contingency operation’ has the meaning
15 given such term in section 101(a)(13) of title 10, United
16 States Code.”.

○