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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. Kaine, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Transpacific Allies In-
5 vesting in Weapons to Advance National Security Act” or
6 the “TAIWAN Security Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF TAIWAN FOR ENHANCED DE-**
2 **FENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE COOPERATION.**

3 (a) ENHANCED DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE CO-
4 OPERATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the Taiwan
6 Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
8 of State and the head of any other relevant Federal
9 department or agency, shall take measures to ensure
10 that Taiwan is appropriately considered for en-
11 hanced defense industrial base cooperation activities
12 aligned with the United States National Defense In-
13 dustrial Strategy to expand global defense produc-
14 tion, increase supply chain security and resilience,
15 and meet the defense needs of Taiwan.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—Consideration for enhanced
17 defense industrial base cooperation activities under
18 paragraph (1) shall include the consideration of Tai-
19 wan for the following:

20 (A) Eligibility for funding to initiate or fa-
21 cilitate cooperative research, development, test-
22 ing, or evaluation projects with the Department
23 of Defense.

24 (B) Eligibility to enter into a memo-
25 randum of understanding or other formal
26 agreement with the Department of Defense for

1 the purpose of conducting cooperative research
2 and development projects on defense equipment
3 and munitions, with a focus on enhancing the
4 defense industry and supply chain resilience of
5 Taiwan.

6 (b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
8 coordination with the Secretary of State, the Gov-
9 ernment of Taiwan, and representatives of the
10 United States defense industry, shall conduct a
11 study on the feasibility and advisability of entering
12 into one or more defense industrial agreements with
13 Taiwan.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The study required by para-
15 graph (1) shall—

16 (A) evaluate the strategic benefits and im-
17 plications of entering into a defense industrial
18 agreement with Taiwan, including with respect
19 to—

20 (i) long-term supply chain security
21 and resilience;

22 (ii) mutual supply of defense goods
23 and services;

24 (iii) supply of regional maintenance,
25 repair, and overhaul capabilities and any

1 other support capability the Secretary of
2 Defense considers appropriate; and

3 (iv) the promotion of interoperability;

4 (B) account for the legal, economic, and
5 defense policy aspects of a closer defense pro-
6 curement partnership between the United
7 States and Taiwan; and

8 (C) include a list of not fewer than five de-
9 fense capabilities—

10 (i)(I) developed by, and produced in,
11 Taiwan; and

12 (II) that require expedited licenses for
13 components produced in the United States;
14 or

15 (ii) developed by the United States
16 but for which the United States defense in-
17 dustry cannot meet the demand of Taiwan
18 on a timely basis so as to necessitate pro-
19 duction in Taiwan.

20 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
21 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed
23 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-

- 1 tives a report on the results of the study conducted
- 2 under paragraph (1).

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