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To increase burdensharing for the United States military presence in the Persian Gulf region.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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## A BILL

To increase burdensharing for the United States military presence in the Persian Gulf region.

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 “Persian Gulf Security  
5 Cost Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of the Congress that—

8 (1) the several key oil-producing countries that  
9 relied on the United States for their military protec-

tion in 1990 and 1991, including during the Persian Gulf conflict, and continue to depend on the United States for their security and stability, should share in the responsibility for that stability and security commensurate with their national capabilities; and

(2) the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates) have the economic capability to contribute more toward their own security and stability and therefore these countries should contribute commensurate with that capability.

**SEC. 3. EFFORTS TO INCREASE BURDENSARING BY COUNTRIES IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION BENEFITTING FROM UNITED STATES MILITARY PRESENCE.**

The President shall seek to have each country in the Persian Gulf region to which the United States extends military protection (either through security agreements, basing arrangements, or mutual participation in multinational military organizations or operations) take one or more of the following actions:

(1) For any country in which United States military personnel are assigned to permanent duty ashore, increase its financial contributions to the

1 payment of the nonpersonnel costs incurred by the  
2 United States government for stationing United  
3 States military personnel in that country, with the  
4 goal of achieving by September 30, 2004, 75 percent  
5 of such costs. An increase in financial contributions  
6 by any country under this paragraph may include  
7 the elimination of taxes, fees, or other charges levied  
8 on the United States military personnel, equipment,  
9 or facilities stationed in that country.

10 (2) Increase its annual budgetary outlays for  
11 national defense as a percentage of its gross domes-  
12 tic product by 10 percent or at least to a level com-  
13 mensurate to that of the United States by Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2002.

15 (3) Increase its annual budgetary outlays for  
16 foreign assistance (to promote democratization, eco-  
17 nomic stabilization, transparency arrangements, de-  
18 fense economic conversion, respect for the rule of  
19 law, and internationally recognized human rights) by  
20 10 percent or at least to a level commensurate to  
21 that of the United States by September 30, 2002.

22 (4) Increase the amount of military assets (in-  
23 cluding personnel, equipment, logistics, support and  
24 other resources) that it contributes, or would be pre-

1       pared to contribute, to military activities in the Per-  
2       sian Gulf region.

3   **SEC. 4. AUTHORITIES TO ENCOURAGE ACTIONS BY UNITED**  
4       **STATES ALLIES.**

5       In seeking the actions described in section 3 with re-  
6       spect to any country, or in response to a failure by any  
7       country to undertake one or more of such actions, the  
8       President may take any of the following measures to the  
9       extent otherwise authorized by law:

10           (1) Reduce the end strength level of members  
11           of the Armed Forces assigned to permanent or part-  
12           time duty in the Persian Gulf region.

13           (2) Impose on those countries fees or other  
14           charges similar to those that such countries impose  
15           on United States forces stationed in such countries.

16           (3) Suspend, modify, or terminate any bilateral  
17           security agreement the United States has with that  
18           country, consistent with the terms of such agree-  
19           ment.

20           (4) Reduce (through rescission, impoundment,  
21           or other appropriate procedures as authorized by  
22           law) any United States bilateral assistance appro-  
23           priated for that country.

24           (5) Take any other action the President deter-  
25           mines to be appropriate as authorized by law.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON PROGRESS IN INCREASING ALLIED**  
2 **BURDENSARING.**

3 Not later than March 1, 2002, the Secretary of De-  
4 fense shall submit to Congress a report on—

5 (1) steps taken by other countries to complete  
6 the actions described in section 3;

7 (2) all measure taken by the President, includ-  
8 ing those authorized in section 4, to achieve the ac-  
9 tions described in section 3;

10 (3) the difference between the amount allocated  
11 by other countries for each of the actions described  
12 in section 3 during the period beginning on October  
13 1, 2001, and ending on September 30, 2002, and  
14 during the period beginning on October 1, 2002, and  
15 ending on September 30, 2003; and

16 (4) the budgetary savings to the United States  
17 that are expected to accrue as a result of the steps  
18 described under paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 6. REVIEW AND REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY**  
20 **BASES FOR FORWARD DEPLOYMENT AND**  
21 **BURDENSARING RELATIONSHIPS.**

22 (a) REVIEW.—In order to ensure the best allocation  
23 of budgetary resources, the President shall undertake a  
24 review of the status of elements of the United States  
25 Armed Forces that are permanently stationed outside the

1 United States. The review shall include an assessment of  
2 the following:

3 (1) The requirements that are to be found in  
4 agreements between the United States and the allies  
5 of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

6 (2) The national security interests that support  
7 permanent stationing of elements of the United  
8 States Armed Forces outside the United States.

9 (3) The stationing costs associated with for-  
10 ward deployment of elements of the United States  
11 Armed Forces.

12 (4) The alternatives available to forward de-  
13 ployment (such as material prepositioning, enhanced  
14 airlift and sealift, or joint training operations) to  
15 meet such requirements or national security inter-  
16 ests, with such alternatives identified and described  
17 in detail.

18 (5) The costs and force structure configurations  
19 associated with such alternatives to forward deploy-  
20 ment.

21 (6) The financial contributions that allies of the  
22 United States in the Persian Gulf region make to  
23 common defense efforts (to promote democratiza-  
24 tion, economic stabilization, transparency arrange-  
25 ments, defense economic conversion, respect for the

1 rule of law, and internationally recognized human  
2 rights).

3 (7) The contributions that allies of the United  
4 States in the Persian Gulf region make to meeting  
5 the stationing costs associated with the forward de-  
6 ployment of elements of the United States Armed  
7 Forces.

8 (8) The annual expenditures of the United  
9 States and its allies in the Persian Gulf region on  
10 national defense, and the relative percentages of  
11 each country's gross domestic product constituted by  
12 those expenditures.

13 (b) REPORT.—The President shall submit to Con-  
14 gress a report on the review under subsection (a). The  
15 report shall be submitted not later than March 1, 2002,  
16 in classified and unclassified form.

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