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# H. R. 5680

To provide for the establishment of the Taiwan Defense Assessment Commission, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2018

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

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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 Defense As-  
5 sessment Commission Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States to reinforce its  
8 commitments to Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act

1 and consistent with the “Six Assurances” as both govern-  
2 ments work to improve Taiwan’s self-defense capability.

3 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
5 should—

6 (1) strengthen and enhance its longstanding  
7 partnership and cooperation with Taiwan;

8 (2) continue to conduct regular transfers of de-  
9 fense articles and defense services necessary to en-  
10 able Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense ca-  
11 pability, based solely on the needs of Taiwan;

12 (3) continue to conduct bilateral military exer-  
13 cises and exchanges of senior military officers and  
14 senior officials with Taiwan to improve military-to-  
15 military relations, as expressed in section 1284 of  
16 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
17 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2544);  
18 and

19 (4) provide regular consultation and advice to  
20 Taiwan on other matters that will improve the effi-  
21 ciency, effectiveness, readiness and resilience of Tai-  
22 wan’s defense establishment.

23 **SEC. 4. TAIWAN DEFENSE ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Defense shall establish a commission, to be known as the  
2 “Taiwan Defense Assessment Commission”, to conduct a  
3 comprehensive assessment of Taiwan’s defense establish-  
4 ment and provide recommendations to improve the effi-  
5 ciency, effectiveness, readiness, and resilience of Taiwan’s  
6 self-defense capability in the following areas:

7           (1) Strategic planning and resource manage-  
8           ment.

9           (2) Personnel management and force develop-  
10          ment.

11          (3) Joint operational planning and assessment.

12          (4) Military readiness measurement and assess-  
13          ment.

14          (5) Command, control, communications, and in-  
15          telligence.

16          (6) Technology research and development.

17          (7) Defense article procurement and logistics.

18          (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
19 on which the commission is established under subsection  
20 (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Taiwan’s De-  
21 fense Minister and the congressional defense committees  
22 a report on the recommendations of the Commission under  
23 subsection (a).

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