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# S. 2913

To require the Secretary of Defense to improve the monitoring and oversight of and reporting regarding projects carried out under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative under subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2018

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Better Military Hous-  
5 ing Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) In 1996, Congress sought to address the  
2 poor quality of military housing by providing the De-  
3 partment of Defense authority to obtain private sec-  
4 tor financing and management to repair, renovate,  
5 construct, and operate military housing.

6           (2) Since 1996, the Department has privatized  
7 99 percent of military housing in the United States.

8           (3) Although the Department has regularly as-  
9 sessed the financial condition of its privatized hous-  
10 ing program, the Department has not used con-  
11 sistent measures of financial condition, consistently  
12 assessed future sustainment, or issued required re-  
13 ports to Congress in a timely manner.

14 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENT OF MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT**  
15 **OF AND REPORTING REGARDING MILITARY**  
16 **HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE.**

17           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in car-  
18 rying out subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United  
19 States Code (known as the Military Housing Privatization  
20 Initiative), shall—

21           (1) use consistent measures for the assessment  
22 of the financial condition of projects conducted  
23 under such subchapter;

24           (2) consistently incorporate measures of future  
25 sustainment in assessments of such projects;

1           (3) submit reports regarding such projects to  
2 Congress in a timely manner;

3           (4) fully assess the effects of any reduction in  
4 the basic allowance for housing on the financial con-  
5 dition of such projects; and

6           (5) define, for each military department, the  
7 tolerance for risk regarding the future sustainability  
8 of such projects relative to the goal of providing  
9 members of the Armed Forces with quality housing.

10       (b) REPORT OR BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
12 of Defense shall submit a report or provide a briefing to  
13 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
14 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Represent-  
15 atives on—

16           (1) the status of the implementation of sub-  
17 section (a), including specific dates by which the  
18 Secretary expects to complete the implementation of  
19 such subsection; and

20           (2) the steps being taken by the Secretary to  
21 improve the financial condition of any project con-  
22 ducted under subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title  
23 10, United States Code, that is—

24                   (A) considered to be in financial distress;

25                   or

1 (B) rated as unacceptable, marginal, below  
2 expectations, well below expectations, or on a  
3 watch list.

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