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# H. R. 1743

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and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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common defense, 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 “Allied Burden Sharing  
5 Report Act of 2021”.

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

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that section 1003 of  
8 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Pub-  
9 lic Law 98–525; 63 Stat. 2241)—

1 (1) expresses the sense of Congress that, due to  
2 threats that are ever-changing, Congress must be in-  
3 formed with respect to allied contributions to the  
4 common defense to properly assess the readiness of  
5 the United States and the countries described in sec-  
6 tion 3(b) for threats; and

7 (2) requires the Secretary of Defense to submit  
8 to Congress an annual report on the contributions of  
9 allies to the common defense.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11 gress that—

12 (1) the threats facing the United States—

13 (A) extend beyond the global war on ter-  
14 ror; and

15 (B) include near-peer threats; and

16 (2) the President should seek from each coun-  
17 try described in section 3(b) acceptance of inter-  
18 national security responsibilities and agreements to  
19 make contributions to the common defense in ac-  
20 cordance with the collective defense agreements or  
21 treaties to which such country is a party.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORTS ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE**  
23 **COMMON DEFENSE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each year,  
25 the Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other Fed-

1 eral agencies, as the Secretary determines to be necessary,  
2 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress  
3 a report containing a description of—

4           (1) the annual defense spending by each coun-  
5 try described in subsection (b), including available  
6 data on nominal budget figures and defense spend-  
7 ing as a percentage of the gross domestic products  
8 of each such country for the fiscal year immediately  
9 preceding the fiscal year in which the report is sub-  
10 mitted;

11           (2) the activities of each such country to con-  
12 tribute to military or stability operations in which  
13 the Armed Forces of the United States are a partici-  
14 pant or may be called upon in accordance with a co-  
15 operative defense agreement to which the United  
16 States is a party;

17           (3) any limitations placed by any such country  
18 on the use of such contributions; and

19           (4) any actions undertaken by the United  
20 States or by other countries to minimize such limita-  
21 tions.

22           (b) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The countries de-  
23 scribed in this subsection are the following:

24           (1) Each member state of the North Atlantic  
25 Treaty Organization.

1           (2) Each member state of the Gulf Cooperation  
2 Council.

3           (3) Each country party to the Inter-American  
4 Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Treaty), done  
5 at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947, and entered  
6 into force December 3, 1948 (TIAS 1838).

7           (4) Australia.

8           (5) Japan.

9           (6) New Zealand.

10          (7) The Philippines.

11          (8) South Korea.

12          (9) Thailand.

13          (c) FORM.—Each report under subsection (a) shall  
14 be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a clas-  
15 sified annex.

16          (d) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under sub-  
17 section (a) shall be made available on request to any Mem-  
18 ber of Congress.

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20          In this Act:

21           (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
22 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
23 gress” means—

1           (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
2           Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-  
3           mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4           (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
5           Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-  
6           mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
7           resentatives.

8           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9           the Secretary of Defense.

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