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H. R. 5060

To reform the Department of Defense approach to preventing, responding to, and reporting incidents of hazing in the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2016

Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Harry Lew Military
5 Hazing Accountability and Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PREVEN-**
2 **TION OF AND RESPONSE TO HAZING IN THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) ANTI-HAZING DATABASE.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense shall provide for the establishment and use of a com-
6 prehensive and consistent data-collection system for the
7 collection of reports, including anonymous reports, of inci-
8 dents of hazing involving a member of the Armed Forces.
9 The Secretary shall issue department-wide guidance re-
10 garding the availability and use of the database, including
11 information on protected classes, such as race and reli-
12 gion, who are often the victims of hazing.

13 (b) IMPROVED TRAINING.—The Secretary of each
14 military department, in consultation with the Chief of
15 Staff of each Armed Force under the jurisdiction of such
16 Secretary, shall seek to improve training to assist mem-
17 bers of the Armed Forces to better recognize, prevent, and
18 respond to hazing at all command levels.

19 (c) ANNUAL SURVEY.—The Secretary of each mili-
20 tary department, in consultation with the Chief of Staff
21 of each Armed Force under the jurisdiction of such Sec-
22 retary, shall conduct an annual survey among members
23 of each Armed Force under the jurisdiction of such Sec-
24 retary to determine the following:

25 (1) The prevalence of hazing in the Armed
26 Force.

1 (2) The effectiveness of training provided mem-
2 bers of the Armed Force to recognize and prevent
3 hazing.

4 (3) The extent to which members of the Armed
5 Force report, including anonymously report, inci-
6 dents of hazing.

7 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS ON HAZING.—

8 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than Janu-
9 ary 31 of each year through January 31, 2021, the
10 Secretary of each military department, in consulta-
11 tion with the Chief of Staff of each Armed Force
12 under the jurisdiction of such Secretary, shall sub-
13 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
14 Senate and the House of Representatives a report
15 containing a description of efforts during the pre-
16 vious year—

17 (A) to prevent and to respond to incidents
18 of hazing involving members of the Armed
19 Forces;

20 (B) to track and encourage reporting, in-
21 cluding reporting anonymously, incidents of
22 hazing in the Armed Force; and

23 (C) to ensure the consistent implementa-
24 tion of anti-hazing policies.

1 (2) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—Each report re-
2 quired by this subsection also shall address the same
3 elements originally addressed in the anti-hazing re-
4 ports required by section 534 of the National De-
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub-
6 lic Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1726).

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