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# H. R. 8238

To require the Secretary of Defense to appropriately consider Taiwan for enhanced defense industrial base cooperation activities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. STEEL (for herself and Mr. HORSFORD) 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. CONSIDERATION OF TAIWAN FOR ENHANCED**  
4       **DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE COOPERATION.**

5       (a) ENHANCED DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE CO-  
6       OPERATION.—

7               (1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the Taiwan  
8       Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Sec-

1       retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary  
2       of State and the head of any other relevant Federal  
3       department or agency, shall take measures to ensure  
4       that Taiwan is appropriately considered for en-  
5       hanced defense industrial base cooperation activities  
6       aligned with the United States National Defense In-  
7       dustrial Strategy to expand global defense produc-  
8       tion, increase supply chain security and resilience,  
9       and meet the defense needs of Taiwan.

10           (2) ELEMENTS.—Consideration for enhanced  
11       defense industrial base cooperation activities under  
12       paragraph (1) shall include the consideration of Tai-  
13       wan for the following:

14           (A) Eligibility for funding to initiate or fa-  
15       cilitate cooperative research, development, test-  
16       ing, or evaluation projects with the Department  
17       of Defense.

18           (B) Eligibility to enter into a memo-  
19       randum of understanding or other formal  
20       agreement with the Department of Defense for  
21       the purpose of conducting cooperative research  
22       and development projects on defense equipment  
23       and munitions, with a focus on enhancing the  
24       defense industry and supply chain resilience of  
25       Taiwan.

1 (b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
3 coordination with the Secretary of State, the Gov-  
4 ernment of Taiwan, and representatives of the  
5 United States defense industry, shall conduct a  
6 study on the feasibility and advisability of entering  
7 into one or more defense industrial agreements with  
8 Taiwan.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The study required by para-  
10 graph (1) shall—

11 (A) evaluate the strategic benefits and im-  
12 plications of entering into a defense industrial  
13 agreement with Taiwan, including with respect  
14 to—

15 (i) long-term supply chain security  
16 and resilience;

17 (ii) mutual supply of defense goods  
18 and services;

19 (iii) supply of regional maintenance,  
20 repair, and overhaul capabilities and any  
21 other support capability the Secretary con-  
22 siders appropriate; and

23 (iv) the promotion of interoperability;

24 (B) account for the legal, economic, and  
25 defense policy aspects of a closer defense pro-

1           curement partnership between the United  
2           States and Taiwan; and

3           (C) include a list of not fewer than 5 de-  
4           fense capabilities—

5           (i)(I) developed by, and produced in,  
6           Taiwan; and

7           (II) that require expedited licenses for  
8           components produced in the United States;

9           or

10          (ii) developed by the United States  
11          but for which the United States defense in-  
12          dustry cannot meet the demand of Taiwan  
13          on a timely basis so as to necessitate pro-  
14          duction in Taiwan.

15          (3) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
16          the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
17          of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
18          Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
19          tives a report on the results of the study conducted  
20          under paragraph (1).

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