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To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Northern Border Secu-
5 rity Review Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
9 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

3 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
4 the Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
6 of the House of Representatives; and

7 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
8 the House of Representatives.

9 (2) NORTHERN BORDER.—The term “Northern
10 Border” means the land and maritime borders be-
11 tween the United States and Canada.

12 **SEC. 3. NORTHERN BORDER THREAT ANALYSIS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
15 Security shall submit a Northern Border threat analysis
16 to the appropriate congressional committees that in-
17 cludes—

18 (1) current and potential terrorism and crimi-
19 nal threats posed by individuals and organized
20 groups seeking—

21 (A) to enter the United States through the
22 Northern Border; or

23 (B) to exploit border vulnerabilities on the
24 Northern Border;

1 (2) improvements needed at ports of entry
2 along the Northern Border—

3 (A) to prevent terrorists and instruments
4 of terror from entering the United States; and

5 (B) to reduce criminal activity, as meas-
6 ured by the total flow of illegal goods and illicit
7 drugs, related to the Northern Border;

8 (3) improvements needed between ports of entry
9 along the Northern Border, including the maritime
10 borders of the Great Lakes—

11 (A) to prevent terrorists and instruments
12 of terror from entering the United States; and

13 (B) to reduce criminal activity related to
14 the Northern Border; and

15 (4) vulnerabilities in law, policy, cooperation be-
16 tween State, tribal, and local law enforcement, inter-
17 national agreements, or tribal agreements that
18 hinder effective and efficient border security,
19 counter-terrorism, anti-human trafficking efforts,
20 and the flow of legitimate trade along the Northern
21 Border.

22 (b) ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS.—For the threat anal-
23 ysis required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Home-
24 land Security shall consider and examine—

25 (1) technology needs and challenges;

1 (2) personnel needs and challenges;

2 (3) the role of State, tribal, and local law en-
3 forcement in general border security activities;

4 (4) the need for cooperation among Federal,
5 State, tribal, local, and Canadian law enforcement
6 entities relating to border security; and

7 (5) the geographic challenges of the Northern
8 Border.

9 (c) CLASSIFIED THREAT ANALYSIS.—To the extent
10 possible, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit
11 the threat analysis required under subsection (a) in un-
12 classified form. The Secretary may submit a portion of
13 the threat analysis in classified form if the Secretary de-
14 termines that such form is appropriate for that portion.

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