

1 **SEC. 1257. RETURNING CIVIC ACTION TEAMS TO THE RE-**
2 **PUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND**
3 **THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.**

4 (a) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
8 of State, shall submit to the appropriate committees
9 of Congress a report on—

10 (A) the activities of civic action teams in
11 the Republic of Palau under the Palau Compact
12 of Free Association Act (Public Law 99–658;
13 100 Stat. 3672); and

14 (B) the feasibility and advisability of re-
15 storing the presence of civic action teams in the
16 Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Fed-
17 erated States of Micronesia, as authorized
18 under the Compact of Free Association Act of
19 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 99 Stat. 239) and
20 the Compact of Free Association Amendments
21 Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188; 117 Stat.
22 2720).

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
24 graph (1) shall include the following:

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1 (A) A description of existing operations
2 conducted by civic action teams in the Republic
3 of Palau.

4 (B) A description of the manner in which
5 such operations—

6 (i) improve the quality of life of resi-
7 dents of the Republic of Palau; and

8 (ii) advance the national security in-
9 terests of the United States.

10 (C) An analysis of the manner in which
11 the similar operations conducted by civic action
12 teams in the Republic of the Marshall Islands
13 and the Federated States of Micronesia could—

14 (i) improve the quality of life for resi-
15 dents of the Republic of the Marshall Is-
16 lands and the Federated States of Micro-
17 nesia; and

18 (ii) advance the national security in-
19 terests of the United States.

20 (D) An assessment of the resources, per-
21 sonnel, and authorities necessary for restoring
22 the presence of civic action teams in the Repub-
23 lic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated
24 States of Micronesia.

1 (E) A timeline for restoring the presence
2 of civic action teams in the Republic of the
3 Marshall Islands and the Federated States of
4 Micronesia, as the Secretary of Defense con-
5 siders feasible and advisable.

6 (F) A description of any factor that may
7 delay or prevent the restoration of such pres-
8 ence, including—

9 (i) any challenge to finding a suitable
10 location to house the civic action team that
11 may also—

12 (I) serve as a workplace; and

13 (II) store large construction
14 equipment; and

15 (ii) any other factor the Secretary of
16 Defense considers appropriate.

17 (G) The estimated cost of implementing
18 the plan.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall build on
20 the historic and close relationship between the United
21 States and the Freely Associated States by examining op-
22 portunities to expand defense cooperation with the Freely
23 Associated States, including by studying the feasibility
24 and advisability of directing Department of Defense re-
25 sources and personnel to provide to the Republic of the

1 Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia
2 construction support, infrastructure maintenance, and
3 training in construction skills.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
6 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
7 gress” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
9 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
10 ate; and

11 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
12 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
13 of Representatives.

14 (2) CIVIC ACTION TEAM.—The term “civic ac-
15 tion team”—

16 (A) means a designated force or unit of an
17 active or reserve component of the United
18 States Armed Forces that is organized, trained,
19 and equipped to conduct civil-military oper-
20 ations in support of military objectives relating
21 to the maintenance of stability within a host
22 country; and

23 (B) includes any such force or unit that
24 specializes in economic stability, infrastructure,
25 public education, and public health.

1 (3) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term
2 “Freely Associated States” means the following:

3 (A) The Republic of Palau.

4 (B) The Republic of the Marshall Islands.

5 (C) The Federated States of Micronesia.

6 **SEC. 1258. MODIFICATION OF PUBLIC REPORTING OF CHI-**
7 **NESE MILITARY COMPANIES OPERATING IN**
8 **THE UNITED STATES.**

9 Section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
10 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
11 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3965; 10 U.S.C. 113
12 note) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) by striking “Concurrent with” and
16 inserting the following:

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Concurrent with”; and

18 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(B) INCLUSION.—The publication re-
21 quired by subparagraph (A) shall include, for
22 each entity included in the unclassified portion
23 of such list, the justification for inclusion in
24 such list.”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (3)—