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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To require the Secretary of Defense to seek cooperation with allies and partners in the Middle East to identify an architecture and develop an acquisition approach for certain countries in the Middle East to implement an integrated air and missile defense capability to protect the people, infrastructure, and territory of such countries from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Deterring Enemy  
5       Forces and Enabling National Defenses Act of 2022” or  
6       the “DEFEND Act of 2022”.

7       **SEC. 2. MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DE-**  
8               **FENSE.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
10      seek to cooperate with allies and partners in the Middle  
11      East to identify an architecture and develop an acquisition  
12      approach for the countries specified in subsection (b) to  
13      implement an integrated air and missile defense capability  
14      to protect the people, infrastructure, and territory of such  
15      countries from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned and  
16      unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran  
17      and groups linked to Iran.

18      (b) COUNTRIES SPECIFIED.—The countries specified  
19      in this subsection are as follows:

- 20              (1) Countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council.  
21              (2) Iraq.  
22              (3) Israel.  
23              (4) Jordan.  
24              (5) Egypt.

1           (6) Such other regional allies or partners of the  
2       United States as the Secretary may identify.

3       (c) STRATEGY.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
5       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6       retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
7       mittees a strategy on cooperation with allies and  
8       partners in the Middle East to identify an architec-  
9       ture and develop an acquisition approach for the  
10      countries specified in subsection (b) to implement an  
11      integrated air and missile defense capability to pro-  
12      tect the people, infrastructure, and territory of such  
13      countries from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned  
14      and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks  
15      from Iran and groups linked to Iran.

16           (2) CONTENTS.—The strategy submitted under  
17      paragraph (1) shall include the following:

18           (A) An assessment of the threat of ballistic  
19           and cruise missiles, manned and unnamed aer-  
20           ial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran and  
21           groups linked to Iran to the countries specified  
22           in subsection (b).

23           (B) A description of current efforts to co-  
24           ordinate indicators and warnings from such at-

1           tacks with the countries specified in subsection  
2           (b).

3           (C) A description of current systems to de-  
4           fend against attacks in coordination with the  
5           countries specified in subsection (b).

6           (D) An explanation of how an integrated  
7           air and missile defense architecture would im-  
8           prove collective security in the region covered by  
9           the countries specified in subsection (b).

10          (E) A description of efforts to engage spec-  
11          ified foreign partners in establishing such an  
12          architecture.

13          (F) An identification of elements of the in-  
14          tegrated air and missile defense architecture  
15          that—

16                 (i) can be acquired and operated by  
17                 specified foreign partners; and

18                 (ii) can only be provided and operated  
19                 by members of the Armed Forces.

20          (G) An identification of any challenges in  
21          establishing an integrated air and missile de-  
22          fense architecture with specified foreign part-  
23          ners.

24          (H) An assessment of progress, and key  
25          challenges, in the implementation of the strat-

1           egy using such metrics identified under para-  
2           graph (4).

3           (I) Recommendations for improvements in  
4           the implementation of the strategy based on the  
5           metrics identified under paragraph (4).

6           (J) Such other matters as the Secretary  
7           considers relevant.

8           (3) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-  
9           TION.—Any activity carried out under paragraph (1)  
10          shall be conducted in a manner that appropriately  
11          protects sensitive information and the national secu-  
12          rity interests of the United States.

13          (4) METRICS.—The Secretary shall identify  
14          metrics to assess progress in the implementation of  
15          the strategy required in paragraph (1).

16          (5) FORMAT.—The strategy submitted under  
17          paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified  
18          form, but may include a classified annex.

19          (d) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

20               (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
21               after the date of the enactment of this act, the Sec-  
22               retary of Defense shall—

23                       (A) complete a study on the feasibility and  
24                       advisability of establishing a fund for an inte-  
25                       grated air and missile defense system to

1 counter the threats from cruise and ballistic  
2 missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems,  
3 and rocket attacks for the countries specified in  
4 subsection (b) from Iran and groups linked with  
5 Iran; and

6 (B) submit to the congressional defense  
7 committees the findings of the Secretary with  
8 respect to the study completed under subpara-  
9 graph (A).

10 (2) ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—The  
11 study completed under paragraph (1)(A) shall in-  
12 clude an assessment of funds that could be contrib-  
13 uted by allies and of the United States and countries  
14 that are partners with the United States.

15 (e) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
16 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense  
17 committees” has the meaning given such term in section  
18 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.