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To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on the implementation of mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities to defense critical electric infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. BACON, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 “Guaranteeing Resilient
5 Installations for Defense Act of 2020” or the “GRID Act
6 of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MITI-**
2 **GATING ACTIONS TO ADDRESS**
3 **VULNERABILITIES TO DEFENSE CRITICAL**
4 **ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, in co-
6 ordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Secre-
7 taries of each of the military departments, shall carry out
8 a two-year pilot program under which the Secretary shall
9 implement mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities as-
10 sessed under section 215A of the Federal Power Act (16
11 U.S.C. 824o–1) at critical defense facilities and their asso-
12 ciated defense critical electric infrastructure, after con-
13 sultation with, and with the consent of, the owners of such
14 infrastructure.

15 (b) SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS.—The Secretary
16 shall select at least three military installations at which
17 to carry out the pilot program under this section. In se-
18 lecting such installations, the Secretary shall—

19 (1) ensure that at least one of the military in-
20 stallations selected is an installation of each of
21 Armed Forces;

22 (2) select installations that represent different
23 challenges or severities with respect to electric infra-
24 structure vulnerability;

1 (3) select at least one critical defense facility
2 within the service territory of a Power Marketing
3 Administration; and

4 (4) provide particular consideration for critical
5 defense facilities and the associated defense critical
6 electric infrastructure that use rural cooperatives or
7 municipal entities for their electricity needs.

8 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Comptroller General of the United States shall—

12 (A) conduct a review of the pilot program
13 under this section; and

14 (B) submit to the appropriate congressional
15 committees a report on the results of the
16 review.

17 (2) CONTENTS.—The review required under
18 this subsection shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of the mitigating actions taken under the
19 pilot program and the feasibility of expanding the
20 implementation of such mitigating actions at other
21 installations identified under section 215A(a)(4) of
22 the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o–1(a)(4)).

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:
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1 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees” means—

3 (A) the Committees on Armed Services
4 and Energy and Commerce of the House of
5 Representatives; and

6 (B) the Committees on Armed Services
7 and Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
8 ate.

9 (2) The term “defense critical electric infra-
10 structure” has the meaning given such term under
11 section 215A(a)(4) of the Federal Power Act (16
12 U.S.C. 824o–1(a)(4)).

13 (3) The term “mitigating action” means any
14 energy resiliency solution applied that is consistent
15 with an assessed strategy to reduce defense critical
16 electric infrastructure vulnerabilities.

17 (4) The term “critical defense facility” means a
18 facility designated as a critical defense facility under
19 section 215A(c) of the Federal Power Act (16
20 U.S.C. 824o–1(c)).

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2021,
23 \$25,000,000 to carry out the pilot program under this sec-
24 tion. Amounts authorized to be appropriated under this

1 subsection shall remain available until expended without
2 fiscal year limitation.

3 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CRITICAL DEFENSE FACILITIES AND**
4 **DEFENSE CRITICAL ELECTRIC INFRASTRUC-**
5 **TURE TO INCLUDE HAWAII, ALASKA, AND THE**
6 **TERRITORIES AND ADDITION OF MITIGATION**
7 **AUTHORITY.**

8 Section 215A of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
9 824o-1) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “of the 48
11 contiguous States or the District of Columbia” and
12 inserting in its place “State”;

13 (2) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) by striking “identify and designate”
15 and inserting “identify, designate, and mitigate
16 vulnerabilities at”; and

17 (B) by striking “the 48 contiguous States
18 and the District of Columbia” and inserting in
19 its place “any State”.

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