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H. R. 7238

To require the Secretary of Defense to recommend a minimum number
of bomber aircraft.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2020

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself and Mrs. HARTZLER) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Long Range Bomber
5 Expansion Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM BOMBER AIRCRAFT FORCE LEVEL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1, 2021,
8 the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congres-
9 sional defense committees a report with recommendations
10 for the bomber aircraft force structure that enables the

1 Air Force to meet the requirements of its long-range strike
2 mission under the National Defense Strategy.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
4 section (a) shall include each of the following elements:

5 (1) The bomber force structure necessary to
6 meet the requirements of the Air Force’s long-range
7 strike mission under the National Defense Strategy,
8 including—

9 (A) the total minimum number of bomber
10 aircraft; and

11 (B) the minimum number of primary mis-
12 sion aircraft.

13 (2) The penetrating bomber force structure nec-
14 essary to meet the requirements of the Air Force’s
15 long-range strike mission in contested or denied en-
16 vironments under the National Defense Strategy, to
17 include—

18 (A) the total minimum number of pene-
19 trating bomber aircraft; and

20 (B) the minimum number of primary mis-
21 sion penetrating bomber aircraft.

22 (3) A roadmap outlining how the Air Force
23 plans to reach the force structure identified under
24 paragraphs (1) and (2), including an established

1 goal date for achieving the minimum number of
2 bomber aircraft.

3 (c) FORM.—The report submitted under subsection
4 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
5 clude a classified annex.

6 (d) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make avail-
7 able to the public the unclassified form of the report sub-
8 mitted under subsection (a).

9 (e) BOMBER AIRCRAFT.—In this section, the term
10 “bomber aircraft” includes penetrating bombers in addi-
11 tion to B-52H aircraft.

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