



FACT SHEET: Thornberry Indo-Pacific Deterrence Initiative

WASHINGTON- Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX), ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, today released his latest proposal to charter and resource an Indo-Pacific Deterrence Initiative (IPDI) which identifies the specific resources required to enhance U.S. deterrence of China in the Indo-Pacific region, similar to what the European Deterrence Initiative has done for Europe against Russia. The bill enhances United States presence in the region, improves infrastructure and logistics, builds allied and partner capacity to deter aggression, strengthens ally and partner interoperability, allows for additional training and exercises, and demonstrates United States commitment to Indo-Pacific nations to address operational challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. Thornberry's proposal provides a benchmark with which to measure progress and allows for greater transparency and oversight. This funding builds on the President's own budget request for the region with the additional requirements identified by our regional commanders and service secretaries. It also utilizes the information in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's investment plan required by Congress and delivered last month.

THE INITIATIVE (IPDI)

In total, it calls for spending \$6.09 billion for FY2021 for the Indo-Pacific Deterrence Initiative (IPDI) and requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress the estimated expenditures and proposed appropriations included in the Department of Defense's budget for the initiative for fiscal year 2022 and for each subsequent fiscal year. It also requires the Secretary to submit a report that contains a detailed summary of the activities and resources for the initiative – focused on increased presence and joint lethality; prepositioning and logistics; improved infrastructure; strengthening ally and partner capacity; and training and exercises – and a detailed budget in the materials submitted to Congress with the President's budget for fiscal year 2022 and for each subsequent year.

INCREASED PRESENCE AND JOINT FORCE LETHALITY

The Thornberry proposal would authorize funding for a permanent and persistent land-based integrated air and missile defense system and associated weapons delivery system on Guam and funding for a homeland defense radar in Hawaii; authorize funding enhancements for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability in the Indo-Pacific region; support efforts to conduct information operations and influence platforms; maintain rotational forces in the Indo-Pacific region; and maintain a rotational bomber presence in the Indo-Pacific region, make investments for an increased undersea warfare capability, and develop long-range precision fires systems with a plan to posture the systems throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

PREPOSITIONING AND LOGISTICS

The Thornberry proposal would authorize funding for contingency regional based clusters prepositioning kits; ship prepositioning and surge capacity; munitions stocks and storage; a movement coordination center to facilitate air and ship transport; and prepositioned forces.

**IMPROVED
INFRASTRUCTURE**

To support military activities and operations the Thornberry proposal would fund military construction, land acquisition, and military housing functions; restore funding for required military construction; and authorize funding to support the planning and design of emergent posture requirements for the Indo-Pacific theater.

**STRENGTHENING
ALLY AND PARTNER
CAPABILITY**

The Thornberry proposal builds the capacity and capability of Indo-Pacific allies and partners to better defend themselves, including a program to modernize communications architecture and systems with allies and partners; build multilateral partnership capacity focused on counter-terrorism; increase engagement through the National Guard State Partnership Program with countries in the region; fund security cooperation programs and the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative; and fund the Pacific Partnership program, an annual multilateral humanitarian and civic assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific region.

**TRAINING AND
EXERCISES**

Exercises and training increase the overall readiness and interoperability of U.S. forces across all domains and the coordination of U.S. forces with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region. Thornberry's proposal would authorize funding to enhance joint training and exercises through the Combatant Commanders Exercise Engagement and Training Transformation Program; fund joint division level exercises; and fund the respective service-level training and exercise programs. It would also require a plan by the Department of Defense to integrate all major test and training ranges in the Indo-Pacific Command area of operations to support future joint training and exercises and test operational capabilities and weapons systems to include space and cyber activities. The plan would include funding for associated plan and design assessment studies.