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To require Homeland Security Investigations to establish the Pacific Islands Liaison Initiative to strengthen the United States strategic partnerships and ability to combat transnational criminal organizations in the Pacific region, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2026

Mr. CASE (for himself and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Pacific Islands Liaison
5 Initiative Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PACIFIC ISLANDS LIAISON INI-**
2 **TIATIVE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Executive Associate
5 Director of Homeland Security Investigations shall estab-
6 lish the Pacific Islands Liaison Initiative (in this section
7 referred to as the “Initiative”). The Initiative shall be car-
8 ried out by Homeland Security Investigations Honolulu,
9 in collaboration with Homeland Security Investigations
10 Guam, Homeland Security Investigations Attaché Can-
11 berra, Homeland Security Investigations International
12 Operations, and any other relevant offices of Homeland
13 Security Investigations the Executive Associate Director
14 determines appropriate.

15 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Initiative shall carry out the
16 following:

17 (1) Strengthen the United States partnerships
18 with Pacific Island countries by enhancing collabora-
19 tion on law enforcement and security through the
20 following:

21 (A) Regular visits by United States law en-
22 forcement personnel.

23 (B) Conducting joint operations through-
24 out the region.

25 (2) Enhance the capacity of Pacific Island
26 countries to combat transnational criminal organiza-

1 tions, including through the provision of training,
2 technical assistance, and resource sharing.

3 (3) Support the forward deployment of United
4 States law enforcement personnel to a regional hub
5 in the Pacific Islands to enable rapid and frequent
6 access to and engagement with Pacific Island coun-
7 tries.

8 (4) Counter malign influence in the Pacific re-
9 gion by addressing transnational criminal threats
10 and promoting shared values, such as the rule of
11 law, transparency, and good governance.

12 (5) Position the United States as the partner of
13 choice for Pacific Island countries by providing sus-
14 tained support, resources, and expertise to address
15 shared challenges.

16 (6) Promote regional stability and economic de-
17 velopment by fostering secure and resilient Pacific
18 Island communities through the development of in-
19 frastructure, technology, and other resources that
20 support regional security and economic resilience.

21 (c) PERSONNEL.—The Executive Associate Director
22 of Homeland Security Investigations shall appoint not
23 fewer than four full-time equivalent personnel for the Ini-
24 tiative, to be overseen by an Assistant Special Agent in
25 Charge who is stationed at Homeland Security Investiga-

1 tions Honolulu. Two of such personnel shall be stationed
2 at Homeland Security Investigations Honolulu and two of
3 such personnel shall be stationed at Homeland Security
4 Investigations Guam.

5 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after
6 the establishment of the Initiative and annually thereafter,
7 the Executive Associate Director of Homeland Security
8 Investigations shall submit to Congress a report detailing
9 the activities of the Initiative during the immediately pre-
10 ceding year, including the following:

11 (1) A detailed overview of how appropriated
12 funds were obligated and expended.

13 (2) A description of the impact of the Initiative
14 on countering malign influence in the Pacific region
15 and strengthening regional security.

16 (3) The effectiveness of the Initiative’s capac-
17 ity-building efforts in Pacific Island countries.

18 (4) Recommendations for additional resources
19 or legislative actions to advance United States stra-
20 tegic objectives in the Pacific.

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the
23 fiscal years 2027 through 2034 to carry out this section.

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