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To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to establish a Climate Security Intelligence Center within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HECK (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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 “Climate Security Intel-
5 ligence Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The evidence for human-induced climate
2 change is clear and undeniable.

3 (2) According to the 2019 Worldwide Threat
4 Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community, cli-
5 mate change will fuel competition for resources, and
6 cause economic distress and social discontent
7 through 2019 and beyond.

8 (3) In 2016, the National Intelligence Council
9 found that “climate change and its resulting effects
10 are likely to pose wide-ranging national security
11 challenges for the United States and other countries
12 over the next 20 years.”.

13 (4) The intelligence community, the Depart-
14 ment of Defense, the Department of State, inter-
15 national organizations, and national security experts
16 have all concluded that the impacts of climate
17 change pose a significant risk to the national secu-
18 rity of the United States.

19 (5) The impacts of climate change—

20 (A) threaten the national security infra-
21 structure of the United States both domestically
22 and abroad;

23 (B) negatively impact the readiness and
24 operations of the Armed Forces; and

1 (C) contribute to the conditions that lead
2 to subnational, national, regional, and global in-
3 stability.

4 (6) The intelligence community has previously
5 analyzed, studied, and engaged in public-private
6 partnerships to improve understanding about the ef-
7 fects of climate change on national security, how-
8 ever, such efforts were undertaken in a sporadic
9 manner due to inconsistent policy commitment to
10 such efforts.

11 (7) The United States needs to be fully pre-
12 pared to respond to the threats to and harmful im-
13 pacts on national security from climate change, but
14 is not at the present time.

15 **SEC. 3. CLIMATE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE CENTER.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Title I of the National Secu-
17 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.) is amended by
18 adding at the end the following new section:

19 **“SEC. 120. CLIMATE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE CENTER.**

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is within the Office of
21 the Director of National Intelligence a Climate Security
22 Intelligence Center.

23 “(b) DIRECTOR OF CLIMATE SECURITY INTEL-
24 LIGENCE CENTER.—There is a Director of the Climate
25 Security Intelligence Center, who shall be the head of the

1 Climate Security Intelligence Center, and who shall be ap-
2 pointed by the Director of National Intelligence.

3 “(c) DUTIES OF CENTER.—The duties of the Climate
4 Security Intelligence Center shall be as follows:

5 “(1) To serve as the primary organization with-
6 in the intelligence community for—

7 “(A) analyzing climate security threats and
8 the climate influence of the United States; and

9 “(B) identifying and disseminating climate
10 intelligence indications and warnings.

11 “(2) To assess and identify best practices in the
12 analysis of climate security, including identifying
13 publicly available information and clandestinely col-
14 lected intelligence that enables such analysis.

15 “(3) To assess and identify best practices with
16 respect to prior efforts of the intelligence community
17 to analyze climate security, including—

18 “(A) the Measurements of Earth Data for
19 Environmental Analysis program of the Central
20 Intelligence Agency;

21 “(B) the Center on Climate Change and
22 National Security of the Central Intelligence
23 Agency; and

24 “(C) climate security-related activities of
25 the Director of National Intelligence.

1 “(4) To use the best practices identified under
2 paragraphs (2) and (3) to inform the work of the
3 Climate Security Intelligence Center.

4 “(5) To consult, as appropriate, with other ele-
5 ments of the intelligence community and Federal
6 agencies to avoid duplication of existing efforts.

7 “(6) To perform such other duties as the Direc-
8 tor of National Intelligence shall specify.

9 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
10 date of the enactment of the Climate Security Intelligence
11 Act of 2019, and every two years thereafter, the Climate
12 Security Intelligence Center shall submit to the congres-
13 sional intelligence committees and the Director of Na-
14 tional Intelligence a report on the activities conducted by
15 the Center for the period covered by the report.

16 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘climate security’ means the ef-
18 fects of climate change on the following:

19 “(A) The national security of the United
20 States.

21 “(B) Infrastructure that enhances the na-
22 tional security of the United States, including—

23 “(i) military installations, Department
24 of Defense facilities, intelligence commu-
25 nity facilities, and other physical facilities

1 that contribute to or otherwise support op-
2 erations of the intelligence community or
3 the Department of Defense; and

4 “(ii) critical infrastructure of the
5 United States (as defined in subsection (e)
6 of the Critical Infrastructures Protection
7 Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e))).

8 “(C) Subnational, national, regional, and
9 global politics, governance, and political sta-
10 bility.

11 “(D) The security of allies and partners of
12 the United States.

13 “(E) Ongoing or potential political vio-
14 lence, including unrest, rioting, guerrilla war-
15 fare, insurgency, terrorism, rebellion, revolution,
16 civil war, and interstate war.

17 “(2) The term ‘climate influence of the United
18 States’ means the global influence and leadership of
19 the United States with respect to the climate policies
20 of other countries, international organizations, and
21 transnational groups.

22 “(3) The term ‘climate intelligence indications
23 and warnings’ mean climate security developments
24 with the potential to—

1 “(A) imminently and substantially alter
2 the political stability or degree of human secu-
3 rity in a state or region; or

4 “(B) threaten the United States, the mili-
5 tary, political, or economic interests of allies or
6 coalition partners of the United States, or citi-
7 zens of the United States abroad.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103(c) of
9 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3025(c))
10 is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
12 graph (15); and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(14) The Climate Security Intelligence Cen-
16 ter.”.

17 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 for the National Security Act of 1947 is amended by in-
19 serting after the item relating to section 119B the fol-
20 lowing new item:

 “Sec. 120. Climate Security Intelligence Center.”.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of
23 the enactment of this Act.

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