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To facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. LEE, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “International Nuclear  
5       Energy Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) **ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR.**—The term  
9       “advanced nuclear reactor” means—

1 (A) a nuclear fission reactor, including a  
2 prototype plant (as defined in sections 50.2 and  
3 52.1 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations  
4 (or successor regulations)), with significant im-  
5 provements compared to reactors operating on  
6 October 19, 2016, including improvements such  
7 as—

8 (i) additional inherent safety features;

9 (ii) lower waste yields;

10 (iii) improved fuel and material per-  
11 formance;

12 (iv) increased tolerance to loss of fuel  
13 cooling;

14 (v) enhanced reliability or improved  
15 resilience;

16 (vi) increased proliferation resistance;

17 (vii) increased thermal efficiency;

18 (viii) reduced consumption of cooling  
19 water and other environmental impacts;

20 (ix) the ability to integrate into elec-  
21 tric applications and nonelectric applica-  
22 tions;

23 (x) modular sizes to allow for deploy-  
24 ment that corresponds with the demand  
25 for electricity or process heat; and

1 (xi) operational flexibility to respond  
2 to changes in demand for electricity or  
3 process heat and to complement integra-  
4 tion with intermittent renewable energy or  
5 energy storage;

6 (B) a fusion reactor; and

7 (C) a radioisotope power system that uti-  
8 lizes heat from radioactive decay to generate  
9 energy.

10 (2) ALLY OR PARTNER NATION.—The term  
11 “ally or partner nation” means—

12 (A) the Government of any country that is  
13 a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-  
14 operation and Development;

15 (B) the Government of the Republic of  
16 India; and

17 (C) the Government of any country des-  
18 ignated as an ally or partner nation by the Sec-  
19 retary of State for purposes of this Act.

20 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
21 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
22 gress” means—

23 (A) the Committees on Foreign Relations  
24 and Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-  
25 ate; and

1 (B) the Committees on Foreign Affairs  
2 and Energy and Commerce of the House of  
3 Representatives.

4 (4) ASSISTANT.—The term “Assistant” means  
5 the Assistant to the President and Director for  
6 International Nuclear Energy Export Policy de-  
7 scribed in section 3(a)(1)(D).

8 (5) ASSOCIATED ENTITY.—The term “associ-  
9 ated entity” means an entity that—

10 (A) is owned, controlled, or operated by—

11 (i) an ally or partner nation; or

12 (ii) an associated individual; or

13 (B) is organized under the laws of, or oth-  
14 erwise subject to the jurisdiction of, a country  
15 described in paragraph (2), including a corpora-  
16 tion that is incorporated in a country described  
17 in that paragraph.

18 (6) ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “asso-  
19 ciated individual” means a foreign national who is a  
20 national of a country described in paragraph (2).

21 (7) CIVIL NUCLEAR.—The term “civil nuclear”  
22 means activities relating to—

23 (A) nuclear plant construction;

24 (B) nuclear fuel services;

25 (C) nuclear energy financing;

1 (D) nuclear plant operations;

2 (E) nuclear plant regulation;

3 (F) nuclear medicine;

4 (G) nuclear safety;

5 (H) community engagement in areas in  
6 reasonable proximity to nuclear sites;

7 (I) infrastructure support for nuclear en-  
8 ergy;

9 (J) nuclear plant decommissioning;

10 (K) nuclear liability;

11 (L) safe storage and safe disposal of spent  
12 nuclear fuel;

13 (M) environmental safeguards;

14 (N) nuclear nonproliferation and security;

15 and

16 (O) technology related to the matters de-  
17 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (N).

18 (8) EMBARKING CIVIL NUCLEAR NATION.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “embarking  
20 civil nuclear nation” means a country that—

21 (i) does not have a civil nuclear en-  
22 ergy program;

23 (ii) is in the process of developing or  
24 expanding a civil nuclear energy program,

1 including safeguards and a legal and regu-  
2 latory framework, for—

3 (I) nuclear safety;

4 (II) nuclear security;

5 (III) radioactive waste manage-  
6 ment;

7 (IV) civil nuclear energy;

8 (V) environmental safeguards;

9 (VI) community engagement in  
10 areas in reasonable proximity to nu-  
11 clear sites;

12 (VII) nuclear liability; or

13 (VIII) advanced nuclear reactor  
14 licensing;

15 (iii) is in the process of selecting, de-  
16 veloping, constructing, or utilizing ad-  
17 vanced light water reactors, advanced nu-  
18 clear reactors, or advanced civil nuclear  
19 technologies; or

20 (iv) is eligible to receive development  
21 lending from the World Bank.

22 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “embarking  
23 civil nuclear nation” does not include—

24 (i) the People’s Republic of China;

25 (ii) the Russian Federation;

- 1 (iii) the Republic of Belarus;  
2 (iv) the Islamic Republic of Iran;  
3 (v) the Democratic People's Republic  
4 of Korea;  
5 (vi) the Republic of Cuba;  
6 (vii) the Bolivarian Republic of Ven-  
7 ezuela;  
8 (viii) the Syrian Arab Republic;  
9 (ix) Burma; or  
10 (x) any other country—  
11 (I) the property or interests in  
12 property of the government of which  
13 are blocked pursuant to the Inter-  
14 national Emergency Economic Powers  
15 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or  
16 (II) the government of which the  
17 Secretary of State has determined has  
18 repeatedly provided support for acts  
19 of international terrorism for purposes  
20 of—  
21 (aa) section 620A(a) of the  
22 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
23 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a));

1 (bb) section 40(d) of the  
2 Arms Export Control Act (22  
3 U.S.C. 2780(d));

4 (cc) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i)  
5 of the Export Control Reform  
6 Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.  
7 4813(c)(1)(A)(i)); or

8 (dd) any other relevant pro-  
9 vision of law.

10 (9) NATIONAL ENERGY DOMINANCE COUNCIL.—

11 The term “National Energy Dominance Council”  
12 means the National Energy Dominance Council es-  
13 tablished within the Executive Office of the Presi-  
14 dent under Executive Order 14213 (90 Fed. Reg.  
15 9945; relating to establishing the National Energy  
16 Dominance Council).

17 (10) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
18 means the Secretary of Energy.

19 (11) SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.—The term “spent  
20 nuclear fuel” has the meaning given the term in sec-  
21 tion 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42  
22 U.S.C. 10101).

23 (12) U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY.—The  
24 term “U.S. nuclear energy company” means a com-  
25 pany that—



1 (A) is organized under the laws of, or oth-  
2 erwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the United  
3 States; and

4 (B) is involved in the nuclear energy indus-  
5 try.

6 **SEC. 3. CIVIL NUCLEAR COORDINATION AND STRATEGY.**

7 (a) WHITE HOUSE FOCAL POINT ON CIVIL NUCLEAR  
8 COORDINATION.—

9 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Given the critical  
10 importance of developing and implementing, with  
11 input from various agencies throughout the executive  
12 branch, a cohesive policy with respect to inter-  
13 national efforts related to civil nuclear energy, it is  
14 the sense of Congress that—

15 (A) there should be a focal point within the  
16 White House, which may, if determined to be  
17 appropriate, report to the National Security  
18 Council, for coordination on issues relating to  
19 those efforts;

20 (B) to provide that focal point, the Presi-  
21 dent should designate, within the National En-  
22 ergy Dominance Council, an office, to be known  
23 as the “Office of the Assistant to the President  
24 and Director for International Nuclear Energy

1 Export Policy’’ (referred to in this subsection as  
2 the “Office”);

3 (C) the Office should act as a coordinating  
4 office for—

5 (i) international civil nuclear coopera-  
6 tion; and

7 (ii) civil nuclear export strategy;

8 (D) the Office should be headed by an in-  
9 dividual appointed as an Assistant to the Presi-  
10 dent with the title of “Director for Inter-  
11 national Nuclear Energy Export Policy’’ who is  
12 also a member of the National Energy Domi-  
13 nance Council; and

14 (E) the Office should—

15 (i) coordinate civil nuclear export poli-  
16 cies for the United States;

17 (ii) develop, in coordination with the  
18 officials described in paragraph (2), a co-  
19 hesive Federal strategy for engagement  
20 with foreign governments (including ally or  
21 partner nations and the governments of  
22 embarking civil nuclear nations), associ-  
23 ated entities, and associated individuals  
24 with respect to civil nuclear exports;

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1 (iii) coordinate with the officials de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (2) to ensure that  
3 necessary framework agreements and trade  
4 controls relating to civil nuclear materials  
5 and technologies are in place for key mar-  
6 kets; and

7 (iv) develop—

8 (I) a whole-of-government coordi-  
9 nating strategy for civil nuclear co-  
10 operation;

11 (II) a whole-of-government strat-  
12 egy for civil nuclear exports; and

13 (III) a whole-of-government ap-  
14 proach to support appropriate foreign  
15 investment in civil nuclear energy  
16 projects supported by the United  
17 States in embarking civil nuclear na-  
18 tions.

19 (2) OFFICIALS DESCRIBED.—The officials re-  
20 ferred to in paragraph (1)(E) are—

21 (A) appropriate officials of any Federal  
22 agency that the President determines to be ap-  
23 propriate; and

24 (B) appropriate officials representing for-  
25 eign countries and governments, including—

- 1 (i) ally or partner nations;  
2 (ii) embarking civil nuclear nations;  
3 and  
4 (iii) any other country or government  
5 that the Assistant (if appointed) and the  
6 officials described in subparagraph (A)  
7 jointly determine to be appropriate.

8 (b) NUCLEAR EXPORTS WORKING GROUP.—

9 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
10 working group, to be known as the “Nuclear Ex-  
11 ports Working Group” (referred to in this subsection  
12 as the “working group”).

13 (2) COMPOSITION.—The working group shall be  
14 composed of—

15 (A) senior-level Federal officials, selected  
16 internally by the applicable Federal agency or  
17 organization, from any Federal agency or orga-  
18 nization that the President determines to be ap-  
19 propriate; and

20 (B) other senior-level Federal officials, se-  
21 lected internally by the applicable Federal agen-  
22 cy or organization, from any other Federal  
23 agency or organization that the Secretary deter-  
24 mines to be appropriate.

1           (3) REPORTING.—The working group shall re-  
2           port to the appropriate White House official, which  
3           may be the Assistant (if appointed).

4           (4) DUTIES.—The working group shall coordi-  
5           nate, not less frequently than quarterly, with the  
6           Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee of the De-  
7           partment of Commerce, the Nuclear Energy Advi-  
8           sory Committee of the Department of Energy, and  
9           other advisory or stakeholder groups, as necessary,  
10          to maintain an accurate and up-to-date knowledge of  
11          the standing of civil nuclear exports from the United  
12          States, including with respect to meeting the targets  
13          established as part of the 10-year civil nuclear trade  
14          strategy described in paragraph (5)(A).

15          (5) STRATEGY.—

16                (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
17                after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
18                working group shall establish a 10-year civil nu-  
19                clear trade strategy, including biennial targets  
20                for the export of civil nuclear technologies, in-  
21                cluding light water and non-light water reactors  
22                and associated equipment and technologies, civil  
23                nuclear materials, and nuclear fuel that align  
24                with meeting international energy demand while  
25                seeking to avoid or reduce emissions.

1 (B) COLLABORATION REQUIRED.—In es-  
2 tablishing the strategy under subparagraph (A),  
3 the working group shall collaborate with—

4 (i) any Federal agency that the Presi-  
5 dent determines to be appropriate; and

6 (ii) representatives of private indus-  
7 try.

8 **SEC. 4. ENGAGEMENT WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall launch, in ac-  
10 cordance with applicable nuclear technology export laws  
11 (including regulations), an international initiative to mod-  
12 ernize the civil nuclear outreach to embarking civil nuclear  
13 nations.

14 (b) FINANCING.—In carrying out the initiative de-  
15 scribed in subsection (a), the President, acting through  
16 an appropriate Federal official, who may be the Assistant  
17 (if appointed), if determined to be appropriate, and in co-  
18 ordination with the officials described in section 3(a)(2),  
19 may, if the President determines to be appropriate, seek  
20 to establish cooperative financing relationships for the ex-  
21 port of civil nuclear technology, components, materials,  
22 and infrastructure to embarking civil nuclear nations.

23 (c) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the initiative de-  
24 scribed in subsection (a), the President shall—

1           (1) assist nongovernmental organizations and  
2           appropriate offices, administrations, agencies, lab-  
3           oratories, and programs of the Department of En-  
4           ergy and other relevant Federal agencies and offices  
5           in providing education and training to foreign gov-  
6           ernments in nuclear safety, security, and safe-  
7           guards—

8                   (A) through engagement with the Inter-  
9                   national Atomic Energy Agency; or

10                   (B) independently, if the applicable entity  
11                   determines that it would be more advantageous  
12                   under the circumstances to provide the applica-  
13                   ble education and training independently;

14           (2) assist the efforts of the International Atom-  
15           ic Energy Agency to expand the support provided by  
16           the International Atomic Energy Agency to embark-  
17           ing civil nuclear nations for nuclear safety, security,  
18           and safeguards;

19           (3) coordinate with appropriate Federal depart-  
20           ments and agencies on efforts to expand outreach to  
21           the private investment community and establish pub-  
22           lic-private financing relationships that enable the  
23           adoption of civil nuclear technologies by embarking  
24           civil nuclear nations, including through exports from  
25           the United States;

1           (4) seek to better coordinate, to the maximum  
2           extent practicable, the work carried out by any Fed-  
3           eral agency that the President determines to be ap-  
4           propriate; and

5           (5) coordinate with the Export-Import Bank of  
6           the United States to improve the efficient and effec-  
7           tive exporting and importing of civil nuclear tech-  
8           nologies and materials.

9   **SEC. 5. COOPERATIVE FINANCING RELATIONSHIPS WITH**  
10                   **ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS AND EMBARK-**  
11                   **ING CIVIL NUCLEAR NATIONS.**

12       (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall designate an  
13       appropriate White House official, who may be the Assist-  
14       ant (if appointed), to coordinate with the officials de-  
15       scribed in section 3(a)(2) to develop, as the President de-  
16       termines to be appropriate, financing relationships with  
17       ally or partner nations to assist in the adoption of civil  
18       nuclear technologies exported from the United States or  
19       ally or partner nations to embarking civil nuclear nations.

20       (b) UNITED STATES COMPETITIVENESS CLAUSES.—

21           (1) DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES COMPETI-  
22       TIVENESS CLAUSE.—In this subsection, the term  
23       “United States competitiveness clause” means any  
24       United States competitiveness provision in any



1 agreement entered into by the Department of En-  
2 ergy, including—

3 (A) a cooperative agreement;

4 (B) a cooperative research and develop-  
5 ment agreement; and

6 (C) a patent waiver.

7 (2) CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out sub-  
8 section (a), the relevant officials described in that  
9 subsection shall consider the impact of United  
10 States competitiveness clauses on any financing rela-  
11 tionships entered into or proposed to be entered into  
12 under that subsection.

13 (3) WAIVER.—The Secretary shall facilitate  
14 waivers of United States competitiveness clauses as  
15 necessary to facilitate financing relationships with  
16 ally or partner nations under subsection (a).

17 **SEC. 6. COOPERATION WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS**  
18 **ON ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR DEM-**  
19 **ONSTRATION AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH**  
20 **FACILITIES FOR CIVIL NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in  
23 coordination with the Secretary and the Secretary of Com-  
24 merce, shall conduct bilateral and multilateral meetings  
25 with not fewer than 5 ally or partner nations, with the

1 aim of enhancing nuclear energy cooperation among those  
2 ally or partner nations and the United States, for the pur-  
3 pose of developing collaborative relationships with respect  
4 to research, development, licensing, and deployment of ad-  
5 vanced nuclear reactor technologies for civil nuclear en-  
6 ergy.

7 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The meetings described in sub-  
8 section (a) shall include—

9 (1) a focus on cooperation to demonstrate and  
10 deploy advanced nuclear reactors, with an emphasis  
11 on U.S. nuclear energy companies, during the 10-  
12 year period beginning on the date of enactment of  
13 this Act to provide options for addressing energy se-  
14 curity and climate change; and

15 (2) a focus on developing a memorandum of un-  
16 derstanding or any other appropriate agreement be-  
17 tween the United States and ally or partner nations  
18 with respect to—

19 (A) the demonstration and deployment of  
20 advanced nuclear reactors; and

21 (B) the development of cooperative re-  
22 search facilities.

23 (c) FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.—In conducting the  
24 meetings described in subsection (a), the Secretary of  
25 State, in coordination with the Secretary, the Secretary

1 of Commerce, and the heads of other relevant Federal  
2 agencies and only after initial consultation with the appro-  
3 priate committees of Congress, shall seek to develop fi-  
4 nancing arrangements to share the costs of the demonstra-  
5 tion and deployment of advanced nuclear reactors and the  
6 development of cooperative research facilities with the ally  
7 or partner nations participating in those meetings.

8 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
9 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, the Secretary of  
10 State, and the Secretary of Commerce shall jointly submit  
11 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report high-  
12 lighting potential partners—

13 (1) for the establishment of cost-share arrange-  
14 ments described in subsection (c) and the details of  
15 those arrangements; or

16 (2) with which the United States may enter  
17 into agreements with respect to—

18 (A) the demonstration of advanced nuclear  
19 reactors; or

20 (B) cooperative research facilities.

21 **SEC. 7. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL NUCLEAR ENERGY CO-**  
22 **OPERATION.**

23 Section 959B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42  
24 U.S.C. 16279b) is amended—

1           (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
2       striking “The Secretary” and inserting the fol-  
3       lowing:

4       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

5           (2) in subsection (a) (as so designated)—

6           (A) in paragraph (1)—

7               (i) by striking “financing,”; and

8               (ii) by striking “and” after the semi-  
9       colon at the end;

10          (B) in paragraph (2)—

11               (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
12       “preparations for”; and

13               (ii) in subparagraph (C)(v), by strik-  
14       ing the period at the end and inserting a  
15       semicolon; and

16          (C) by adding at the end the following:

17           “(3) to support, with the concurrence of the  
18       Secretary of State, the safe, secure, and peaceful use  
19       of civil nuclear technology in countries developing  
20       nuclear energy programs, with a focus on countries  
21       that have increased civil nuclear cooperation with  
22       the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of  
23       China; and

24           “(4) to promote the fullest utilization of the re-  
25       actors, fuel, equipment, services, and technology of

1 U.S. nuclear energy companies (as defined in section  
2 2 of the International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025)  
3 in civil nuclear energy programs outside the United  
4 States through—

5 “(A) bilateral and multilateral arrange-  
6 ments developed and executed with the concur-  
7 rence of the Secretary of State that contain  
8 commitments for the utilization of the reactors,  
9 fuel, equipment, services, and technology of  
10 U.S. nuclear energy companies (as defined in  
11 that section);

12 “(B) the designation of 1 or more U.S. nu-  
13 clear energy companies (as defined in that sec-  
14 tion) to implement an arrangement under sub-  
15 paragraph (A) if the Secretary determines that  
16 the designation is necessary and appropriate to  
17 achieve the objectives of this section; and

18 “(C) the waiver of any provision of law re-  
19 lating to competition with respect to any activ-  
20 ity related to an arrangement under subpara-  
21 graph (A) if the Secretary, in consultation with  
22 the Attorney General and the Secretary of  
23 Commerce, determines that a waiver is nec-  
24 essary and appropriate to achieve the objectives  
25 of this section.”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The program under sub-  
3 section (a) shall be supported in consultation with the Sec-  
4 retary of State and implemented by the Secretary—

5 “(1) to facilitate, to the maximum extent prac-  
6 ticable, workshops and expert-based exchanges to en-  
7 gage industry, stakeholders, and foreign govern-  
8 ments with respect to international civil nuclear  
9 issues, such as—

10 “(A) training;

11 “(B) financing;

12 “(C) safety;

13 “(D) security;

14 “(E) safeguards;

15 “(F) liability;

16 “(G) advanced fuels;

17 “(H) operations; and

18 “(I) options for multinational cooperation  
19 with respect to the disposal of spent nuclear  
20 fuel (as defined in section 2 of the Nuclear  
21 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101));  
22 and

23 “(2) in coordination with any Federal agency  
24 that the President determines to be appropriate.

1       “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of  
2 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Sec-  
3 retary to carry out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
4 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) in fiscal years 2026 through  
5 2030, the Secretary may use \$15,500,000 to carry out this  
6 section.”.

7 **SEC. 8. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAM SUP-**  
8 **PORT.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in  
11 coordination with the Secretary and the Assistant (if ap-  
12 pointed), shall launch an international initiative (referred  
13 to in this section as the “initiative”) to provide financial  
14 assistance to, and facilitate the building of technical ca-  
15 pacities by, in accordance with this section, embarking  
16 civil nuclear nations for activities relating to the develop-  
17 ment of civil nuclear energy programs.

18       (b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the initia-  
20 tive, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the  
21 Secretary and the Assistant (if appointed), is au-  
22 thorized to award grants of financial assistance in  
23 amounts not greater than \$5,500,000 to embarking  
24 civil nuclear nations in accordance with this sub-  
25 section—

1 (A) for activities relating to the develop-  
2 ment of civil nuclear energy programs; and

3 (B) to facilitate the building of technical  
4 capacities for those activities.

5 (2) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary of State, in  
6 coordination with the Secretary and the Assistant (if  
7 appointed), may award—

8 (A) not more than 1 grant of financial as-  
9 sistance under paragraph (1) to any 1 embark-  
10 ing civil nuclear nation each fiscal year; and

11 (B) not more than a total of 5 grants of  
12 financial assistance under paragraph (1) to any  
13 1 embarking civil nuclear nation.

14 (c) SENIOR ADVISORS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the initia-  
16 tive, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the  
17 Secretary and the Assistant (if appointed), is au-  
18 thorized to provide financial assistance to an em-  
19 barking civil nuclear nation for the purpose of con-  
20 tracting with a U.S. nuclear energy company to hire  
21 1 or more senior advisors to assist the embarking  
22 civil nuclear nation in establishing a civil nuclear  
23 program.

24 (2) REQUIREMENT.—A senior advisor described  
25 in paragraph (1) shall have relevant experience and



1 qualifications to advise the embarking civil nuclear  
2 nation on, and facilitate on behalf of the embarking  
3 civil nuclear nation, 1 or more of the following ac-  
4 tivities:

5 (A) The development of financing relation-  
6 ships.

7 (B) The development of a standardized fi-  
8 nancing and project management framework for  
9 the construction of nuclear power plants.

10 (C) The development of a standardized li-  
11 censing framework for—

12 (i) light water civil nuclear tech-  
13 nologies; and

14 (ii) non-light water civil nuclear tech-  
15 nologies and advanced nuclear reactors.

16 (D) The identification of qualified organi-  
17 zations and service providers.

18 (E) The identification of funds to support  
19 payment for services required to develop a civil  
20 nuclear program.

21 (F) Market analysis.

22 (G) The identification of the safety, secu-  
23 rity, safeguards, and nuclear governance re-  
24 quired for a civil nuclear program.

1 (H) Risk allocation, risk management, and  
2 nuclear liability.

3 (I) Technical assessments of nuclear reac-  
4 tors and technologies.

5 (J) The identification of actions necessary  
6 to participate in a global nuclear liability re-  
7 gime based on the Convention on Supple-  
8 mentary Compensation for Nuclear Damage,  
9 with Annex, done at Vienna September 12,  
10 1997 (TIAS 15–415).

11 (K) Stakeholder engagement.

12 (L) Management of spent nuclear fuel and  
13 nuclear waste.

14 (M) Any other major activities to support  
15 the establishment of a civil nuclear program,  
16 such as the establishment of export, financing,  
17 construction, training, operations, and edu-  
18 cation requirements.

19 (3) CLARIFICATION.—Financial assistance  
20 under this subsection is authorized to be provided to  
21 an embarking civil nuclear nation in addition to any  
22 financial assistance provided to that embarking civil  
23 nuclear nation under subsection (b).

24 (d) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO EMBARKING  
25 CIVIL NUCLEAR NATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after

1 the date of enactment of this Act, the Offices of the In-  
2 spectors General for the Department of State and the De-  
3 partment of Energy shall coordinate—

4 (1) to establish and submit to the appropriate  
5 committees of Congress a joint strategic plan to con-  
6 duct comprehensive oversight of activities authorized  
7 under this section to prevent fraud, waste, and  
8 abuse; and

9 (2) to engage in independent and effective over-  
10 sight of activities authorized under this section  
11 through joint or individual audits, inspections, inves-  
12 tigations, or evaluations.

13 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of funds  
14 appropriated or otherwise made available to the Secretary  
15 of State to carry out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
16 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) in fiscal years 2026 through  
17 2030, the Secretary of State may use \$50,000,000 to  
18 carry out this section.

19 **SEC. 9. BIENNIAL CABINET-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CON-**  
20 **FERENCE ON NUCLEAR SAFETY, SECURITY,**  
21 **SAFEGUARDS, AND SUSTAINABILITY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, in coordination  
23 with international partners, as determined by the Presi-  
24 dent, and industry, shall hold a biennial conference on civil

1 nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability (re-  
2 ferred to in this section as a “conference”).

3 (b) CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS.—It is the sense of  
4 Congress that each conference should—

5 (1) be a forum in which ally or partner nations  
6 may engage with each other for the purpose of rein-  
7 forcing the commitment to—

8 (A) nuclear safety, security, safeguards,  
9 and sustainability;

10 (B) environmental safeguards; and

11 (C) local community engagement in areas  
12 in reasonable proximity to nuclear sites; and

13 (2) facilitate—

14 (A) the development of—

15 (i) joint commitments and goals to  
16 improve—

17 (I) nuclear safety, security, safe-  
18 guards, and sustainability;

19 (II) environmental safeguards;  
20 and

21 (III) local community engage-  
22 ment in areas in reasonable proximity  
23 to nuclear sites;

1 (ii) stronger international institutions  
2 that support nuclear safety, security, safe-  
3 guards, and sustainability;

4 (iii) cooperative financing relation-  
5 ships to promote competitive alternatives  
6 to Chinese and Russian financing;

7 (iv) a standardized financing and  
8 project management framework for the  
9 construction of civil nuclear power plants;

10 (v) a standardized licensing frame-  
11 work for civil nuclear technologies;

12 (vi) a strategy to change internal poli-  
13 cies of multinational development banks,  
14 such as the World Bank, to support the fi-  
15 nancing of civil nuclear projects;

16 (vii) a document containing any les-  
17 sons learned from countries that have  
18 partnered with the Russian Federation or  
19 the People's Republic of China with re-  
20 spect to civil nuclear power, including any  
21 detrimental outcomes resulting from that  
22 partnership; and

23 (viii) a global civil nuclear liability re-  
24 gime;

1 (B) cooperation for enhancing the overall  
2 aspects of civil nuclear power, such as—

3 (i) nuclear safety, security, safe-  
4 guards, and sustainability;

5 (ii) nuclear laws (including regula-  
6 tions);

7 (iii) waste management;

8 (iv) quality management systems;

9 (v) technology transfer;

10 (vi) human resources development;

11 (vii) localization;

12 (viii) reactor operations;

13 (ix) nuclear liability; and

14 (x) decommissioning; and

15 (C) the development and determination of  
16 the mechanisms described in paragraphs (7)  
17 and (8) of section 10(a), if the President in-  
18 tends to establish an Advanced Reactor Coordi-  
19 nation and Resource Center as described in  
20 that section.

21 (c) INPUT FROM INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT.—It  
22 is the sense of Congress that each conference should in-  
23 clude a meeting that convenes nuclear industry leaders  
24 and leaders of government agencies with expertise relating

1 to nuclear safety, security, safeguards, or sustainability to  
2 discuss best practices relating to—

3 (1) the safe and secure use, storage, and trans-  
4 port of nuclear and radiological materials;

5 (2) managing the evolving cyber threat to nu-  
6 clear and radiological security; and

7 (3) the role that the nuclear industry should  
8 play in nuclear and radiological safety, security, and  
9 safeguards, including with respect to the safe and  
10 secure use, storage, and transport of nuclear and ra-  
11 diological materials, including spent nuclear fuel and  
12 nuclear waste.

13 **SEC. 10. ADVANCED REACTOR COORDINATION AND RE-**  
14 **SOURCE CENTER.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall consider the  
16 feasibility of leveraging existing activities or frameworks  
17 or, as necessary, establishing a center, to be known as the  
18 “Advanced Reactor Coordination and Resource Center”  
19 (referred to in this section as the “Center”), for the pur-  
20 poses of—

21 (1) identifying qualified organizations and serv-  
22 ice providers—

23 (A) for embarking civil nuclear nations;

1 (B) to develop and assemble documents,  
2 contracts, and related items required to estab-  
3 lish a civil nuclear program; and

4 (C) to develop a standardized model for  
5 the establishment of a civil nuclear program  
6 that can be used by the International Atomic  
7 Energy Agency;

8 (2) coordinating with countries participating in  
9 the Center and with the Nuclear Exports Working  
10 Group established under section 3(b)—

11 (A) to identify funds to support payment  
12 for services required to develop a civil nuclear  
13 program;

14 (B) to provide market analysis; and

15 (C) to create—

16 (i) project structure models;

17 (ii) models for electricity market anal-  
18 ysis;

19 (iii) models for nonelectric applica-  
20 tions market analysis; and

21 (iv) financial models;

22 (3) identifying and developing the safety, secu-  
23 rity, safeguards, and nuclear governance required  
24 for a civil nuclear program;



(4) supporting multinational regulatory standards to be developed by countries with civil nuclear programs and experience;

4 (5) developing and strengthening communica-  
5 tions, engagement, and consensus-building;

(6) carrying out any other major activities to support export, financing, education, construction, training, and education requirements relating to the establishment of a civil nuclear program;

10 (7) developing mechanisms for how to fund and  
11 staff the Center; and

12 (8) determining mechanisms for the selection of  
13 the location or locations of the Center.

(b) OBJECTIVE.—The President shall carry out sub-  
section (a) with the objective of establishing the Center  
if the President determines that it is feasible to do so.

17 SEC. 11. STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND WORKING  
18 GROUP.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a working group, to be known as the “Strategic Infrastructure Fund Working Group” (referred to in this section as the “working group”) to provide input on the feasibility of establishing a program to support strategically important capital-intensive infrastructure projects.

25 (b) COMPOSITION.—The working group shall be—

1           (1) led by a White House official, who may be  
2           the Assistant (if appointed), who shall serve as the  
3           White House focal point with respect to matters re-  
4           lating to the working group; and

5           (2) composed of—

6                 (A) senior-level Federal officials, selected  
7                 by the head of the applicable Federal agency or  
8                 organization, from any Federal agency or orga-  
9                 nization that the President determines to be ap-  
10                propriate;

11               (B) other senior-level Federal officials, se-  
12               lected by the head of the applicable Federal  
13               agency or organization, from any other Federal  
14               agency or organization that the Secretary deter-  
15               mines to be appropriate; and

16               (C) any senior-level Federal official se-  
17               lected by the White House official described in  
18               paragraph (1) from any Federal agency or or-  
19               ganization.

20           (c) REPORTING.—The working group shall report to  
21           the National Security Council.

22           (d) DUTIES.—The working group shall—

23               (1) provide direction and advice to the officials  
24               described in section 3(a)(2)(A) and appropriate Fed-  
25               eral agencies, as determined by the working group,

1 with respect to the establishment of a Strategic In-  
2 frastructure Fund (referred to in this subsection as  
3 the “Fund”) to be used—

4 (A) to support those aspects of projects re-  
5 lating to—

6 (i) civil nuclear technologies; and

7 (ii) microprocessors; and

8 (B) for strategic investments identified by  
9 the working group; and

10 (2) address critical areas in determining the ap-  
11 propriate design for the Fund, including—

12 (A) transfer of assets to the Fund;

13 (B) transfer of assets from the Fund;

14 (C) how assets in the Fund should be in-  
15 vested; and

16 (D) governance and implementation of the  
17 Fund.

18 (e) BRIEFING AND REPORT REQUIRED.—

19 (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after  
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the working group  
21 shall brief the committees described in paragraph  
22 (3) on the status of the development of the processes  
23 necessary to implement this section.

24 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the working group

1       shall submit to the committees described in para-  
2       graph (3) a report on the findings of the working  
3       group that includes suggested legislative text for  
4       how to establish and structure a Strategic Infra-  
5       structure Fund.

6               (3) COMMITTEES DESCRIBED.—The committees  
7       referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) are—

8               (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
9       the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
10       Transportation, the Committee on Armed Serv-  
11       ices, the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
12       sources, the Committee on Environment and  
13       Public Works, the Committee on Finance, and  
14       the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;  
15       and

16              (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
17       Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Com-  
18       mittee on Armed Services, the Committee on  
19       Science, Space, and Technology, the Committee  
20       on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Ap-  
21       propriations of the House of Representatives.

22              (4) ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND.—The re-  
23       port submitted under paragraph (2) shall include  
24       suggested legislative language requiring all expendi-  
25       tures from a Strategic Infrastructure Fund estab-

1 lished in accordance with this section to be adminis-  
2 tered by the Secretary of State (or a designee of the  
3 Secretary of State).

4 **SEC. 12. JOINT ASSESSMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED**  
5 **STATES AND INDIA ON NUCLEAR LIABILITY**  
6 **RULES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in con-  
8 sultation with the heads of other relevant Federal depart-  
9 ments and agencies, shall establish and maintain within  
10 the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue a joint consult-  
11 ative mechanism with the Government of the Republic of  
12 India that convenes on a recurring basis—

13 (1) to assess the implementation of the Agree-  
14 ment for Cooperation between the Government of  
15 the United States of America and the Government  
16 of India Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear En-  
17 ergy, signed at Washington October 10, 2008 (TIAS  
18 08–1206);

19 (2) to discuss opportunities for the Republic of  
20 India to align domestic nuclear liability rules with  
21 international norms; and

22 (3) to develop a strategy for the United States  
23 and the Republic of India to pursue bilateral and  
24 multilateral diplomatic engagements related to ana-  
25 lyzing and implementing those opportunities.

1       (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
3 5 years, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the  
4 heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies,  
5 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress  
6 a report that describes the joint assessment developed pur-  
7 suant to subsection (a)(1).

8 **SEC. 13. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

9       Except as expressly stated in this Act, nothing in this  
10 Act may be construed to alter or otherwise affect the inter-  
11 pretation or implementation of section 123 of the Atomic  
12 Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153) or any other provi-  
13 sion of law, including the requirement that agreements  
14 pursuant to that section be submitted to Congress for con-  
15 sideration.