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To enhance United States Government strategic coordination of the security, installation, maintenance, and repair of international subsea fiber-optic cables.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To enhance United States Government strategic coordination of the security, installation, maintenance, and repair of international subsea fiber-optic cables.

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 “Strategic Subsea Ca-
5 bles Act of 2025”.

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1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
4 meaning given the term in section 3502 of title 44,
5 United States Code.

6 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
10 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
11 Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
3 of Representatives.

4 (3) APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The
5 term “appropriate Federal agencies” means the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (A) The Department of Commerce.

8 (B) The Department of Defense.

9 (C) The Department of Homeland Secu-
10 rity.

11 (D) The Office of the Director of National
12 Intelligence.

13 (E) The Department of State.

14 (F) The Federal Communications Commis-
15 sion.

16 (G) The Department of the Treasury.

17 (H) The Department of the Judiciary.

18 (I) Any additional Federal agencies, as de-
19 termined by the President.

20 (4) INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.—The term
21 “interagency committee” means the entity estab-
22 lished under section 301(b) of this Act.

23 (5) NON-FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term “non-
24 Federal entity” means any nongovernmental entity
25 that is an individual, organization, or business in-

1 volved in the operation, maintenance, repair, or con-
2 struction of subsea fiber-optic cables, including
3 subsea cable owners.

4 (6) SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CABLE THREAT.—The
5 term “subsea fiber-optic cable threat” means an ac-
6 tion or likely future action, in particular, actions
7 taken with malicious intent, on or through a subsea
8 fiber-optic cable network that may result in an un-
9 authorized effort to adversely impact the privacy, ef-
10 ficacy, security, or integrity of a subsea fiber-optic
11 cable network.

12 **TITLE I— INTERNATIONAL CO-**
13 **ORDINATION AND ENGAGE-**
14 **MENT ON SUBSEA FIBER-**
15 **OPTIC CABLES**

16 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

17 Congress makes the following findings:

18 (1) Following subsea fiber-optic cable cuts in
19 the Baltic Sea in December 2024, the North Atlan-
20 tic Treaty Organization (NATO) established the
21 Critical Undersea Infrastructure Network to conduct
22 information and threat intelligence sharing among
23 private and public sector actors to protect subsea ca-
24 bles.

1 (2) On February 21, 2025, the European
2 Union published an EU Action Plan on Cable Secu-
3 rity to include the development and deployment of
4 an Integrated Surveillance Mechanism for Sub-
5 marine cables work to establish a dedicated regional
6 hub in the Baltic Sea to serve as a test bed of the
7 integrated surveillance approach.

8 (3) The Association of Southeast Asian States
9 (ASEAN) published guidelines for Strengthening
10 Resilience and Repair of Submarine Cables and
11 most recently announced plans to “build a secure,
12 diverse and resilient submarine cable network” and
13 “to facilitate the expeditious deployment, repair,
14 maintenance, removal, and protection of submarine
15 cables, between ASEAN Member States”.

16 (4) On July 1, 2025, the Quad, represented by
17 the United States, India, Japan, and Australia, met
18 to reaffirm its commitment to the Quad Partnership
19 on Cable Connectivity and Resilience. In the meet-
20 ing, the Quad underscored the need for digital infra-
21 structure collaboration, organizing a subsea cables
22 forum to be hosted by the United States and India
23 and encouraging regulatory harmonization between
24 Quad partners. Through this initiative, the Quad
25 seeks to defend and promote resilient, secure, and

1 transparent digital infrastructure across the Indo-
2 Pacific region.

3 **SEC. 102. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) subsea fiber-optic cables constitute the
6 backbone of the global internet and therefore should
7 be treated as a global public good;

8 (2) the United States Government has an im-
9 portant role to play in advancing the United States
10 interests in international bodies that oversee subsea
11 fiber-optic cable protection, promote network resil-
12 ience and redundancy, and advance regulations in
13 support of these goals;

14 (3) the United States Government should play
15 a more active role in the International Cable Protec-
16 tion Committee (ICPC) in order to advance the
17 United States national security and economic inter-
18 ests;

19 (4) the United States should lead efforts to pro-
20 mote the deployment of resilient subsea fiber-optic
21 cable networks, enhance situational awareness,
22 strengthen preparedness, and formalize collective re-
23 sponses among allies and partners through enhanced
24 information sharing and coordination; and

1 (5) while the United States and allied foreign
2 governments have a role to play in the protection of
3 subsea fiber-optic cables, cable owners and other as-
4 sociated private sector stakeholders carry significant
5 responsibility in safeguarding subsea cables.

6 **SEC. 103. ENHANCING UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT EN-**
7 **GAGEMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL CABLE**
8 **PROTECTION COMMITTEE TO SAFEGUARD**
9 **UNITED STATES INTERESTS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
11 nation with the interagency committee, shall seek to in-
12 crease United States Government engagement in the
13 International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC) to ad-
14 vance United States national security and economic inter-
15 ests.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
18 5 years, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to
19 the appropriate congressional committees that includes the
20 following:

21 (1) A description of how increased the United
22 States Government engagement within the ICPC
23 could support United States national security objec-
24 tives as it relates to the protection of subsea fiber-
25 optic cables.

1 (2) A description of key objectives for pro-
2 moting and protecting United States national secu-
3 rity interests within the ICPC.

4 (3) A description of how People's Republic of
5 China entities leverage their engagement within the
6 ICPC to further their strategic interests.

7 (4) A description of how encouraging other
8 countries and regional bodies to join the ICPC can
9 better ensure coordinated, consistent global subsea
10 fiber-optic cable policies.

11 **SEC. 104. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
12 **DAMAGE TO SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CABLES.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, in coordination
14 with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the
15 Treasury, shall impose sanctions described in subsection
16 (c) with respect to any foreign person that the President
17 determines, on or after the date of the enactment of this
18 Act, is responsible for or complicit in damaging subsea
19 fiber-optic cables in a manner that undermines the na-
20 tional security interests of the United States.

21 (b) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 15 days
22 after imposing sanctions with respect to a foreign person
23 under subsection (a), the President shall submit to the ap-
24 propriate congressional committees, the Committee on
25 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, and

1 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives, a report that includes a detailed justification
3 for the imposition of the sanctions.

4 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
5 scribed in this subsection are the following:

6 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
7 shall exercise all of the powers granted by the Inter-
8 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
9 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block
10 and prohibit all transactions in all property and in-
11 terests in property of a foreign person described in
12 subsection (a), if such property and interests in
13 property are in the United States, come within the
14 United States, or are or come within the possession
15 or control of a United States person.

16 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR
17 PAROLE.—

18 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
19 alien described in subsection (a) shall be—

20 (i) inadmissible to the United States;
21 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
22 documentation to enter the United States;
23 and
24 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
25 or paroled into the United States or to re-

1 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
2 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
3 seq.).

4 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other
6 entry documentation of an alien described
7 in subsection (a) shall be revoked, regard-
8 less of when such visa or other entry docu-
9 mentation is or was issued.

10 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
11 tion under clause (i) shall—

12 (I) take effect immediately; and

13 (II) automatically cancel any
14 other valid visa or entry documenta-
15 tion that is in the possession of the
16 alien.

17 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

18 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
19 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
20 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
21 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
22 this section.

23 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
24 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
25 violation of this section or any regulation, license, or

1 order issued to carry out this section shall be subject
2 to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)
3 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-
4 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
5 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-
6 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

7 (e) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 (1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-
9 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT AND LAW EN-
10 FORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this sec-
11 tion shall not apply with respect to the admission or
12 parole of an alien to the United States if admitting
13 or paroling the alien is necessary—

14 (A) to permit the United States to comply
15 with the Agreement regarding the Head-
16 quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
17 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force
18 November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
19 tions and the United States, or other applicable
20 international obligations of the United States;
21 or

22 (B) to carry out or assist authorized law
23 enforcement activity in the United States.

24 (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTEL-
25 LIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this section

1 shall not apply to any activity subject to the report-
2 ing requirements under title V of the National Secu-
3 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any au-
4 thorized intelligence activities of the United States.

5 (3) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
6 GOODS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—A requirement to block
8 and prohibit all transactions in all property and
9 interests in property under this section shall not
10 include the authority or requirement to impose
11 sanctions on the importation of goods.

12 (B) GOOD DEFINED.—In this paragraph,
13 the term “good” means any article, natural or
14 manmade substance, material, supply or manu-
15 factured product, including inspection and test
16 equipment, and excluding technical data.

17 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms
19 “admission”, “admitted”, and “alien” have the
20 meanings given those terms in section 101 of the
21 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

22 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
23 son” means an individual or entity that is not a
24 United States person.

1 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
2 “United States person” means—

3 (A) any United States citizen or an alien
4 lawfully admitted for permanent residence to
5 the United States;

6 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
7 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
8 the United States, including any foreign branch
9 of such an entity; or

10 (C) any person in the United States.

11 **SEC. 105. REPORT ON SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CABLE ACTIVI-**
12 **TIES BY THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
13 **AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

14 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
16 5 years, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the
17 heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit a
18 report to the appropriate congressional committees that
19 includes the following:

20 (1) A description, with respect to the applicable
21 reporting period, of People’s Republic of China and
22 Russian subsea fiber-optic cable manufacturing, in-
23 stallation, and maintenance capabilities.

24 (2) A description of any ongoing People’s Re-
25 public of China and Russian efforts to produce ves-

1 sels capable of severing or damaging subsea fiber-
2 optic cables at sea depths of 4,000 meters or great-
3 er.

4 (3) A list of instances during the previous cal-
5 endar year in which the United States, or allies and
6 partners of the United States, documented anomalous
7 behavior from vessels, either flagged, crewed, or
8 operated by the People's Republic of China or Rus-
9 sia, around subsea fiber-optic cable networks, includ-
10 ing—

11 (A) any official United States Government
12 response to counter the anomalous behavior;
13 and

14 (B) any coordinated diplomatic action with
15 allies and partners.

16 (b) CLASSIFICATION.—The report required under
17 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
18 may include a classified annex.

19 **SEC. 106. ENGAGING FOREIGN PARTNERS TO STRENGTHEN**
20 **SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CABLE SECURITY.**

21 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that—

23 (1) as international subsea fiber-optic cable net-
24 works expand, there are increasing challenges to the
25 proper maintenance, repair, and protection of inter-

1 national subsea fiber-optic cables that have the po-
2 tential to undermine United States and foreign part-
3 ner national security interests;

4 (2) the United States is uniquely positioned to
5 provide technical, material, and other forms of sup-
6 port to international partners to enhance the resil-
7 ience of international subsea fiber-optic cables; and

8 (3) the United States Government should en-
9 hance its diplomatic efforts to work with foreign
10 governments to improve efforts to quickly and effec-
11 tively maintain, repair, and protect international
12 subsea fiber-optic cables.

13 (b) COMMITMENT OF PERSONNEL AND RE-
14 SOURCES.—The Secretary of State shall devote sufficient
15 personnel and resources towards engaging with foreign
16 countries to improve security and reduce barriers to the
17 maintenance and repair of subsea fiber-optic cables.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
20 the next 5 years, the Secretary of State shall submit to
21 the appropriate congressional committees a report that
22 outlines efforts by the United States Government in the
23 prior calendar year to work with international allies and
24 partners to strengthen the security of and reduce barriers

1 to the maintenance, repair, and protection of international
2 subsea fiber-optic cable networks, including—

3 (1) a list of current foreign policies or laws that
4 create barriers to United States-led efforts to main-
5 tain, repair, and protect international subsea fiber-
6 optic cable networks; and

7 (2) progress made in the previous calendar year
8 as a result of United States engagement with allies
9 and partners.

10 **TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF**
11 **STATE SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC**
12 **EXPERTISE**

13 **SEC. 201. EXPANDING SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CABLE EXPER-**
14 **TISE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall as-
16 sign not fewer than two full-time equivalent individuals,
17 to be located in the Bureau for Cyberspace and Digital
18 Policy, in order to support the Department of State's
19 interagency engagement on matters related to subsea ca-
20 bles, including—

21 (1) protection and resilience;

22 (2) coordination with United States allies and
23 partners; and

24 (3) United States engagement in international
25 bodies that cover subsea cables.

1 (b) ASSIGNMENT.—The Bureau for Cyberspace and
2 Digital Policy may not dual-hat currently employed per-
3 sonnel in meeting the minimum hiring requirement out-
4 lined in subsection (a).

5 (c) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 15 days after ful-
6 filling the hiring requirement in subsection (a), the Sec-
7 retary of State shall notify the Committee on Foreign Re-
8 lations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
9 fairs of the House of Representatives.

10 (d) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON SUBSEA CA-
11 BLES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
13 the appropriate congressional committees a report on how
14 the United States Government plans to prioritize diplo-
15 matic engagement within relevant international bodies to
16 spur increased information-sharing between allied and
17 partner governments and relevant private sector compa-
18 nies on subsea fiber-optic cables.

1 **TITLE III—SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC**
2 **CABLE COORDINATION, CON-**
3 **STRUCTION, AND REPAIR**

4 **SEC. 301. IMPROVING UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CO-**
5 **ORDINATION OF SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CA-**
6 **BLES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

9 (1) According to a December 2024 Department
10 of Homeland Security white paper, “There currently
11 exists no forum in which the full scope of the
12 [subsea] cable industry can effectively collaborate
13 with the U.S. government to identify and address
14 shared challenges.”.

15 (2) United States Federal Government respon-
16 sibilities for the protection of subsea fiber-optic ca-
17 bles, damage reporting, information and intelligence
18 sharing, and emergency response are overseen by
19 various government actors through a multitude of
20 mechanisms spanning several Federal departments
21 and agencies.

22 (3) In order for the subsea fiber-optic cable in-
23 dustry to align with United States economic and se-
24 curity interests, the United States Government must
25 provide the industry a clearer concept of operations,

1 assessed risks to cable supply chain and infrastruc-
2 ture, and defined lines of effort in cases of emer-
3 gency.

4 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
6 establish an interagency committee (referred to in this Act
7 as the “interagency committee”) comprised of the heads
8 of the appropriate Federal agencies, to lead United States
9 Government efforts to—

10 (1) protect and improve the resilience of subsea
11 fiber-optic cable networks;

12 (2) facilitate subsea fiber-optic cable permitting;
13 and

14 (3) address other matters related to subsea
15 fiber-optic cables deemed appropriate and necessary
16 by the President.

17 (c) COORDINATION.—The President shall direct the
18 interagency committee to conduct an overview of the
19 United States Federal Government’s operational authori-
20 ties for subsea fiber-optic cable security and resilience.
21 The overview shall include—

22 (1) an interagency concept of operations for
23 partnering with non-Federal entities, including
24 subsea fiber-optic cable owners and operators, to se-

1 cure and repair subsea fiber-optic cable systems in
2 a variety of crisis scenarios; and

3 (2) an interagency review and action plan to
4 streamline subsea fiber-optic cable permitting proc-
5 esses in order to promote United States inter-
6 national leadership in cable connectivity and deploy-
7 ments and risk-based prioritization and standardiza-
8 tion of additional security and resilience assess-
9 ments.

10 (d) ANALYSIS OF SUBSEA FIBER-OPTIC CABLE CUTS
11 AND OUTAGES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall direct
13 the heads of the relevant Federal agencies to develop
14 strategies to coordinate closely within the inter-
15 agency process and with subsea fiber-optic cable in-
16 dustry stakeholders to review subsea fiber-optic cable
17 cuts and outages, including by leveraging analysis
18 from industry-wide data, to—

19 (A) identify trends;

20 (B) refine attributions, particularly in
21 cases where subsea fiber-optic cables have been
22 intentionally damaged by malicious actors;

23 (C) identify high-risk geographic areas for
24 subsea fiber-optic cable construction; and

1 (D) inform future risk mitigation efforts to
2 reduce damage to subsea fiber-optic cable sys-
3 tems.

4 (2) STRATEGY ELEMENTS.—The strategies re-
5 quired under paragraph (1) shall include—

6 (A) resourcing requirements;

7 (B) coordination with United States allies
8 and partners; and

9 (C) the necessary technical expertise to
10 make attributions for intentional subsea fiber-
11 optic cable cuts by malicious actors.

12 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after estab-
13 lishing the required interagency committee under sub-
14 section (b), the President shall submit to Congress a re-
15 port that includes the following elements:

16 (1) Any resources required to sufficiently staff
17 the interagency committee and United States Fed-
18 eral agencies overseeing the objectives outlined in
19 subsection (b).

20 (2) A detailed plan for how the interagency
21 committee will advance the objectives outlined in
22 subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 302. STRENGTHENING INFORMATION SHARING BE-**
2 **TWEEN UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND**
3 **PRIVATE SECTOR ACTORS ON SUBSEA FIBER-**
4 **OPTIC CABLES.**

5 (a) PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR INFORMATION SHAR-
6 ING.—Consistent with the necessary protections of classi-
7 fied information, the sourcing of relevant intelligence ma-
8 terial, and privacy and civil liberties, all appropriate agen-
9 cies shall, with the approval of the interagency committee,
10 issue procedures to establish and promote—

11 (1) the timely sharing of classified subsea fiber-
12 optic cable threats and any indications of potential
13 threats held by members of the interagency com-
14 mittee with non-Federal entities that possess the
15 necessary security clearances;

16 (2) the timely sharing between the interagency
17 committee and non-Federal entities of subsea fiber-
18 optic cable threats, information relating to indica-
19 tions of potential threats, or authorized uses under
20 this Act, in the possession of the interagency com-
21 mittee that may be declassified and shared at an un-
22 classified level;

23 (3) the timely sharing between the interagency
24 committee and non-Federal entities of unclassified,
25 including controlled unclassified, subsea fiber-optic
26 cable threats and indications of potential threats

1 held by members of the interagency committee or
2 non-Federal entities; and

3 (4) the timely sharing between the interagency
4 committee and non-Federal entities, when and if ap-
5 propriate, of information relating to indications of
6 potential subsea fiber-optic cable threats or author-
7 ized uses under this title, held by the interagency
8 committee or non-Federal entities about subsea
9 fiber-optic cable threats, in order to prevent
10 breaches to the security, integrity, or efficacy of the
11 subsea fiber-optic cable network and to mitigate any
12 other potential adverse effects from such subsea
13 fiber-optic cable threats.

14 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The proce-
15 dures developed under subsection (b) shall—

16 (1) ensure the interagency committee has and
17 maintains the capacity to identify and inform subsea
18 fiber-optic cable threats and indications of potential
19 subsea fiber-optic cable threats in real time to the
20 appropriate Federal agencies or non-Federal entities
21 consistent with the protection of classified informa-
22 tion;

23 (2) incorporate, whenever possible, existing
24 processes, roles, and responsibilities of members of
25 the interagency committee and non-Federal entities

1 for information sharing, including subsea fiber-optic
2 cable-specific information sharing and analysis enti-
3 ties; and

4 (3) require members of the interagency com-
5 mittee and other appropriate Federal agencies which
6 are sharing subsea fiber-optic cable threat indicators
7 or defensive measures to employ any applicable secu-
8 rity controls to defend against unauthorized access
9 to or acquisition of such information.

10 (c) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Direc-
12 tor of National Intelligence, in consultation with the mem-
13 bers of the interagency committee, shall submit to Con-
14 gress the procedures required under subsection (b).