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# S. 4564

To direct the Secretary of Defense to report on the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TESTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “BAH Calculation Im-  
5 provement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR**

7 **MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense

1 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
2 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the  
3 basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed  
4 services.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
6 (a) shall contain the following elements:

7 (1) The evaluation of the Secretary—

8 (A) of the efficiency and accuracy of the  
9 current system used to calculate the basic al-  
10 lowance for housing for members of the uni-  
11 formed services under section 403 of title 37,  
12 United States Code;

13 (B) the appropriateness of using mean and  
14 median housing costs in such calculation;

15 (C) of existing military housing areas, in  
16 relation to choices in, and availability of, hous-  
17 ing for members of the uniformed services; and

18 (D) of the suitability of the six standard  
19 housing profiles in relation to the average fam-  
20 ily sizes of members of the uniformed services,  
21 disaggregated by uniformed service, rank, and  
22 military housing area.

23 (2) The recommendation of the Secretary—

24 (A) regarding the feasibility of including  
25 information, furnished by Federal entities, re-

1           garding school districts, in calculating the basic  
2           allowance for housing;

3           (B) whether to calculate the basic allow-  
4           ance for housing more frequently, including in  
5           response to a sudden change in the housing  
6           market;

7           (C) whether to enter into an agreement  
8           with a commercial entity, to compile data and  
9           develop an algorithm, in order to calculate the  
10          basic allowance for housing; and

11          (D) whether to publish the methods used  
12          by the Secretary to calculate the basic allow-  
13          ance for housing on a publicly accessible  
14          website of the Department of Defense.

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