

118TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of State to host regular Summits of the Americas,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HICKENLOOPER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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of the Americas, and for other purposes.

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 “Summit of the Amer-
5 icas Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND RELATED MAT-**
7 **TERS.**

8 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy
9 of the United States to work with the Summit of the
10 Americas Secretariat to support the organization of a

1 Summit of the Americas every four years, or more fre-
2 quently as appropriate, subject to the availability of funds,
3 to strengthen ties and promote cooperation between the
4 United States and countries in the Western Hemisphere,
5 as well as civil society, business, diaspora, women, and
6 youth leaders.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State is au-
8 thorized to carry out the policy described in subsection (a).

9 (c) CITIES SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS.—

10 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

11 (A) Subnational diplomacy strengthens
12 democratic governance by enhancing local lead-
13 ers' ability to tackle shared challenges, and
14 deepens United States ties with regional part-
15 ners by localizing bilateral and multilateral
16 partnerships and connections.

17 (B) The first-ever Cities Summit of the
18 Americas in 2023 promoted a valuable ex-
19 change of best practices and lessons learned be-
20 tween city, State, municipal, and regional lead-
21 ers and should be held as part of the Summit
22 of the Americas process.

23 (2) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
24 authorized to work with the Summit of the Americas
25 Secretariat to support the organization of one Cities

1 Summit of the Americas, across cities in the West-
2 ern Hemisphere, including the United States, to
3 take place as a part of each Summit of the Americas
4 described in subsection (a), to promote subnational
5 cooperation and serve as a catalyst in fostering en-
6 gagement with representatives of government, civil
7 society, business, academia, youth, culture and the
8 arts, Latin American and Caribbean diaspora com-
9 munities, and underrepresented groups.

10 (d) SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS IMPLEMENTATION
11 UNIT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
13 authorized to establish within the Department of
14 State a Summit of the Americas implementation
15 unit responsible for overseeing the implementation of
16 commitments made at summits described in this sec-
17 tion.

18 (2) DUTIES.—The duties of the implementation
19 unit authorized by this subsection include—

20 (A) tracking and ensuring implementation
21 of commitments made during Summits of the
22 Americas;

23 (B) liaising with interagency partners and
24 the National Security Council regarding imple-
25 mentation of summit commitments; and

1 (C) reporting quarterly on a public website
2 of the Department of State regarding progress
3 to accomplish summit commitments and status
4 of commitments across Federal departments
5 and agencies.

6 (e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
8 5 years, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
9 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
10 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
11 a report on the implementation of this section, including
12 the status of commitments of the United States and par-
13 ticipating partners for the prior year and upcoming year.