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Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Full Committee Markup

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Bill, 2022

MANAGER’S AMENDMENT
Offered by Ms. Wasserman Schultz of Florida

In the REPORT:

On page 49 of the report, strike the paragraph with the header, “*ATLAS Program Implementation*” and insert the following:

“*ATLAS Program Implementation.*—The Committee commends VA for being a leader in the adoption of connected care solutions through its Anywhere-to-Anywhere telehealth initiative, such as the ATLAS Program. Where deployed, ATLAS offers Veterans the ability to securely access VA care in purpose-built settings from easily accessed locations in their home communities. The Committee urges VA to continue the Department’s Anywhere-to-Anywhere initiative, and directs the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, that (1) details VA’s progress on, and timetable for, the expansion of the program, particularly in rural and tribal areas where in-person healthcare options are even more limited; and (2) assesses the feasibility, cost, possible partner locations and advisability of expanding the project to remote Veteran communities in the Pacific Islands Region by opening new ATLAS stations in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Freely Associated States.”

On page 66 of the report, after the paragraph on “*Energy Monitoring*”, insert the following:

“*Medical Waste Report.*—The Committee reminds the Department of its interest in the costs and benefits of on-site medical waste treatment systems, and

that House Report 116-445 requested a report on the issue. The Committee directs VA to provide the report within 30 days of enactment of this Act.”