

**Amendment to H.R. 7900**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

**Offered by: Ms. Escobar**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on the Defense Innovation Unit's Outreach Attempts

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) gave the Secretary of Defense the ability to expand the efforts of the Defense Innovation Unit to engage and collaborate with private-sector industry and communities in various regions of the United States. This included the ability to expand outreach to communities that do not otherwise have a DIU presence, including economically disadvantaged communities.

The committee remains interested in the DIU's attempts to extend their outreach to different parts of the country. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee, not later than January 30, 2023, outlining what steps the DIU has taken to expand their outreach to communities, like economically disadvantaged communities, that do not have a DIU presence and a strategy to continue doing so.