

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 9082
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CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Summit of the Amer-
3 icas Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND RELATED MAT-
5 TERS.**

6 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy
7 of the United States to work with the Summit of the
8 Americas Secretariat to support the organization of a
9 Summit of the Americas every four years, or more fre-
10 quently as appropriate, subject to the availability of funds,
11 to strengthen ties and promote cooperation between the
12 United States and countries in the Western Hemisphere,
13 as well as civil society, business, diaspora, women, and
14 youth leaders.

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

17 (c) CITIES SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS.—

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

2 (A) Subnational diplomacy strengthens
3 democratic governance by enhancing local lead-
4 ers' ability to tackle shared challenges, and
5 deepens United States ties with regional part-
6 ners by localizing bilateral and multilateral
7 partnerships and connections.

8 (B) The first-ever Cities Summit of the
9 Americas in 2023 promoted a valuable ex-
10 change of best practices and lessons learned be-
11 tween city, State, municipal, and regional lead-
12 ers and should be held as part of the Summit
13 of the Americas process.

14 (2) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
15 authorized to work with the Summit of the Americas
16 Secretariat to support the organization of one Cities
17 Summit of the Americas, across cities in the West-
18 ern Hemisphere, including the United States, to
19 take place as a part of each Summit of the Americas
20 described in subsection (a), to promote subnational
21 cooperation and serve as a catalyst in fostering en-
22 gagement with representatives of government, civil
23 society, faith-based organizations, business, aca-
24 demia, youth, culture and the arts, Latin American

1 and Caribbean diaspora communities, and underrep-
2 resented groups.

3 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of State is
4 authorized to designate an existing official to serve within
5 the Department of State as senior-level coordinator to co-
6 ordinate, in conjunction with other relevant agencies, mat-
7 ters related to the implementation of Summit of Americas
8 commitments, including—

9 (1) tracking and ensuring implementation of
10 commitments made during Summits of the Amer-
11 icas; and

12 (2) liaising with interagency partners and the
13 National Security Council regarding implementation
14 of summit commitments.

15 (e) REPORT.—The Secretary of State shall submit to
16 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
18 the Senate annually for 5 years beginning after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act a report on the implementa-
20 tion of this section, including the status of commitments
21 of the United States and participating partners for the
22 prior year and upcoming year.

