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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4242

OFFERED BY Mr. Takano

Add at the appropriate place the following new section:

1 SEC. ____ . HIRING AND FILLING VACANCIES.

2 (a) **MINIMUM LEVEL.**—The Secretary of Veterans
3 Affairs shall ensure that the minimum employee staffing
4 level for all components of the Department of Veterans
5 Affairs is not less than 405,386 full-time equivalent posi-
6 tions as of September 30, 2019.

7 (b) **LIMITATION.**—If less than 90 percent of the num-
8 ber of full-time equivalent positions specified in subsection
9 (a) are filled as of September 30, 2019, of the amounts
10 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2020 for each
11 account of the Department of Veterans Affairs that pays
12 for salaries and expenses of employees of the Department,
13 the Secretary may not obligate or expend an amount that
14 is greater than the percent of such positions filled com-
15 pared to such specified number in subsection (a) until the
16 date on which the Secretary certifies to the Committees
17 on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and
18 the Senate that the Secretary has exceeded such 90 per-
19 cent number.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2018,
2 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans'
3 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate
4 a report on the filling of vacancies of employee positions
5 in the Department, including the impact on the employ-
6 ment of veterans at the Department.

