



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: LITTLE

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 17 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. (a) The legislature finds the following as
5 informed by the determination of the United States Director of
6 National Intelligence in the 2025 Annual Threat Assessment of the
7 U.S. Intelligence Community issued pursuant to Section 108B,
8 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. Section 3043b):

9 (1) with respect to China:

10 (A) China's dominance in the mining and processing
11 of critical materials is a particular threat, providing it with
12 the ability to restrict quantities and affect global prices.
13 Beijing has shown a willingness to restrict global access to its
14 mineral resources;

15 (B) China is using an aggressive whole-of-
16 government approach, combined with state direction of the private
17 sector, to become a global science and technology superpower. It
18 wishes to surpass the United States and achieve further economic,
19 political, and military gain;

20 (C) China is accelerating its progress by using
21 illicit means;

22 (D) China has stolen hundreds of gigabytes of
23 intellectual property from companies across the world, including
24 from the United States;

25 (E) China is heavily investing in collecting health

1 and genetic data;

2 (F) China poses health risks to the world;

3 (G) Beijing will continue to expand its coercive,
4 subversive, and malignant influence activities to weaken the
5 United States. It seeks to suppress critical views of China within
6 the United States; and

7 (H) China has increased its capabilities to conduct
8 covert influence operations and disseminate disinformation;

9 (2) with respect to Russia:

10 (A) Russia's advanced cyber capabilities, its
11 repeated success compromising sensitive targets for intelligence
12 collection, and its past attempts to access United States critical
13 infrastructure make it a persistent counterintelligence and cyber
14 attack threat; and

15 (B) Russia intentionally stokes political discord
16 in the West including by amplifying preferred Russian narratives.
17 Russia discretely engages Americans in these processes while
18 hiding Russia's involvement;

19 (3) with respect to Iran:

20 (A) Iran's growing expertise and willingness to
21 conduct aggressive cyber operations make it a major threat to the
22 security of the United States. Guidance from Iranian leaders has
23 incentivized cyber actors to become more aggressive in developing
24 capabilities to conduct cyberattacks;

25 (B) Iran remains committed to its longstanding
26 efforts to develop surrogate networks inside the United States;
27 and

1 (C) Iran has previously tried to conduct lethal
2 operations in the United States; and

3 (4) With respect to North Korea:

4 (A) North Korea may expand its ongoing cyber
5 espionage operations;

6 (B) North Korea continues to pursue military
7 capabilities that threaten the United States and enable the North
8 to undermine the United States;

9 (C) cooperation among China, Russia, Iran, and
10 North Korea has grown rapidly in recent years, reinforcing threats
11 from each. Such cooperation has strengthened their abilities to
12 harm the United States; and

13 (D) North Korea will continue to defy international
14 sanctions and engage in illicit activities, including stealing
15 cryptocurrency, sending labor overseas, and trading UN-proscribed
16 goods to resource and fund the North's priorities.

17 (b) The legislature finds it necessary to exercise the police
18 power of this state as provided in this legislation.