

**Amendment to H.R. 5515**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019**

**Offered by:**

**Congressman Salud O. Carbajal**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Improving Water Security and Efficiency on Installations**

Efficient facilities are critical for the support, redeployment, and operation of military forces. While some installations have done great work to improve water efficiency, the Committee is concerned that the military may not be maximizing strategic use of water resources at all installations, and that this could be adding unnecessary costs that could be more effectively used elsewhere. Furthermore, water security is a vital component of installation readiness.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on innovative ways to reduce water use across installations in order to strengthen base readiness through improved water security, and to identify opportunities to replicate across installations some of the successful water-saving tactics already being deployed at some bases, such as planting more native species and increasing use of gray water systems. The report shall be submitted to the Armed Services Committees not later than March 1, 2019.