SEC. ___. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS ADVISORS TO FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Subsection (b) of section 1081 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 10 U.S.C. 168 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "September 30, 2014" and inserting "September 30, 2017"; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "fiscal year 2012, 2013, or 2014" and inserting "a fiscal year ending on or before that date".

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subsection (c)(4) of such section is amended by striking "carried out such by such" and inserting "carried out by such".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would extend authority through fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Defense (DoD) to advise foreign defense ministries around the world on the policies and processes needed to effectively manage national defense activities. The current program, referred to as the "Ministries of Defense Advisor (MoDA) program," was authorized by section 1081 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 168 note) and under subsection (b) of that section terminates at the close of September 30, 2014.

The MoDA program partners senior DoD civilians with foreign counterparts. It is designed to forge long-term relationships that strengthen a partner state's defense institutions. Advisors exchange expertise with foreign counterparts with similar defense specialties. Pre-deployment training, enhanced reach-back capabilities, and backfill funding for deployed advisors are critical and unique components of the MoDA program. In addition, the MoDA program will maintain a core advisory capability to support planning, emergent requirements, and ensure program quality and consistency.

The Secretary of Defense continues to emphasize building the security capacity of partner states as an area of strategic importance. The 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review cites the MoDA program as a key initiative that would strengthen partner states' ministerial-level capacity. Current defense institution building activities abroad tend to rely heavily on contractors and military personnel. The MoDA program adds defense civilians to this effort,

providing longer term government-to-government linkages and demonstrating the value of a cohesive civil-military team.

Budget Implications: Deploying civilian advisors as needed will require maintaining a small program office, paying for backfill personnel and deployment costs. This will require continued funding of the MoDA program at approximately $23.5 million per year, in accordance with Program Budget Decision 708 and Resource Management Decision 700.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2014	**FY 2015**	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
OSD	+11.7	+20.9	+21.0	+23.8	+24.1	O&M, DW	04	4GTN	1002198T
Total	+11.7	+ 20.9	+21.0	+23.8	+24.1				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 1081 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 125 Stat. 1599; 10 U.S.C. 168 note):

SEC. 1081. AUTHORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS ADVISORS TO FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE.

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense may, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, carry out a program to assign civilian employees of the Department of Defense as advisors to the ministries of defense (or security agencies serving a similar defense function) of foreign countries in order to—

(1) provide institutional, ministerial-level advice, and other training to personnel of the ministry to which assigned in support of stabilization or post-conflict activities; or

(2) assist such ministry in building core institutional capacity, competencies, and capabilities to manage defense related processes.

(b) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority of the Secretary of Defense to assign civilian employees under the program under subsection (a) terminates at the close of September 30, ~~2014~~ 2017.

(2) CONTINUATION OF ASSIGNMENTS.—Any assignment of a civilian employee under subsection (a) before the date specified in paragraph (1) may continue after that date, but only using funds available for ~~fiscal year 2012, 2013, or 2014~~ a fiscal year ending on or before that date.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 30 each year through 2014, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on activities under the program under subsection (a) during the preceding fiscal year. Each report shall include, for the fiscal year covered by such report, the following:

(1) A list of the defense ministries to which civilian employees were assigned under the program.

(2) A statement of the number of such employees so assigned.

(3) A statement of the duration of the various assignments of such employees.

(4) A brief description of the activities carried out ~~such~~ by such employees pursuant to such assignments.

(5) A description of the criteria used to select the defense ministries identified in paragraph (1) and the civilian employees so assigned.

(6) A statement of the cost of each such assignment.

(7) Recommendations, if any, about changes to the authority, including an assessment of whether expanding the program authority to include assignments to bilateral, regional, or multilateral international security organizations would advance the national security interests of the United States.

(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than December 30, 2013, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the committees of Congress specified in subsection (c) a report setting forth an assessment of the effectiveness of the advisory services provided by civilian employees assigned under the program under subsection (a) as of the date of the report in meeting the purposes of the program.